

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

MISSION 126

GP-100-SU-OP-S

8 March 1944

100TH BOMB GROUP MISSION NUMBER 126:

Field Order Number: 174

Primary Target: Erkner, V.K.F. Ball Bearing Plant.

Secondary Target: Berlin, center of city.

Last Resort: Any industrial target which can be attacked without disrupting fighter support.

Duty Officer: Capt. Hutchinson

Main Briefing: Lt. Mackesey.

Gunners' Briefing: Capt. Bowman

Time of Briefing: 0530

Time of Take Off: 0850

E. T. R. 1650

Result: Completed.

ERKNER-
BERLIN

SCANNED BY ACB

F 12006

CIC

00081604

100TH GP M. #126
DATE 8/MAR/44

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COMBAT REPORT

4 B7 A-2. 6(1-8-43)

GROUP _____ SQN. _____ A/C _____ DATE _____

WHERE ATTACK
TOOK PLACE _____ HEIGHT _____ TIME _____

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

Our Heading _____

Type of E/A _____

Clock Pos. _____

Attack Level _____

DO NOT

WRITE IN

THIS SPACE

COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: _____ Position _____

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A _____

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. _____

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR _____ Time _____

If formation varied widely from standard, show by diagram on back of this sheet
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S-2 29/15-8-43

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5 miles west of (Hendricks Lake)
 five days in formation just about
 left by yesterday & caught for a
 blow up. At 1303. Sun. Dec. 90°

2 B-7. at 1515 - stopping - not
 down - no smoke - 10 mi. East
 of Hendricks Lake.

1 B-17 turned back - saw smoke.
 plane appeared at - 1313 at 1300.
 between Haver and Hendricks
 @ B-7 - at 1334 at Hendricks -
 making & turned back. Sun. Dec. 90°

First 7 again attack at 1303 (6 miles west of
 Haver) 13600 ft. 90° - attack
 had on in group of 10. Sun. T
 gunner shot down one.
 (Went around in trouble (mud))

INTERROGATION FORM

AD 20/100
10/100

Name _____

⑧

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Eqp. (Name)

Results observed

Yours: *our Bombs
were concentrated
in East part of
Long Island*

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

Others: Target was hit
before we got there
lot of soldiers

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

Babies that the tiger
was demolished -

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen)

Special markings and colors: Silver - olive drab ME 110's FW 190's
(Not previously reported) also on some bands they black -
ME 210's

Description of attack: 1239-5236-0805 lasted until 1.P.
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity) at 1425 - Hitting tail of wing ahead
and "J" (1) Group behind us. attacking
Enemy tactics and our countermeasures: from 10 to 1 o'clock high - a few tail attacks.
one pass came in from low ahead (loop etc
loop) concentrated on triple threat - also other
type of nose attacks

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

S/2 17/7/15/43

In target area lots of C/A about but were kept from concentration block by escort. Good escort all the way out.

1250-5237-0850-22,000- B-17 from 45 wing hit by
E/A - + went down in nose dive - flares burning apart &
it went down - 2 chutes opened out of pair of A/C
1327-5229-1121 - 2 B-17's out of 45 wing fell out of
formation. Both smoking, but under control going down.
no chutes seen.
1300-5229-0930 - 1 B-17 from 45 wing went down
smoking but under control - no chutes.

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -

where down - chutes - any unusual

occurrences of interest - your altitude)

During first attack - 2 B-17's
from "J" group went down after
E/A attacked - one went straight
down - 2 chutes - one nosed up then dove straight down
no chutes seen.

2 B-17 went down from Gp. low to our left(?) no chutes
seen.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Many struggles -
Some smoke pots were in operation inside the city of Berlin -
also at Brunswick (very effective) and Magdeburg (not so good)

1332-5218-1144 - one P-47 operating alone was seen to shoot
down two S/E E/A - Don't think E/A knew he was around.
one E/A pilot bailed out.

In first attack + one later - 2 E/A were shot down by B-17's
in 45 Gp - one exploded - other down burning.

N - Some of Buckles lost off 7th suit - must be
replaced

Crew - Dark glasses are badly needed -

FIGHTER SUPPORT

near 5218-1144-1332 hours - no escort observed -
for 1 hour around this period no escort seen - that was
when E/A did their dive - otherwise support excellent.

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP ~~(was)~~ ^{was not} SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 0

NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0

INTERROGATORS NAME _____

Crew #35

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO. 504 LTR. BOMB LOAD 75X100 DATE 8/3/44Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name

Rank

Name

		X			
	X		X		
		X		X	
	X		X		X
X		X		X	X
	X			X	
X		X		X	X
		X			
	X		X		

Capt. E. Rosenthal P T/Sgt C. U. Hall TTLt. M. T. Lewis CP S/Sgt R. H. Robinson BTLt. M. J. Busalacchi N S/Sgt J. F. Mack RPLt. C. J. Milburn B S/Sgt M. J. Sheldon LWT/Sgt M. V. Bocuzzi RADS/Sgt M. J. Deblasio TSCASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)Illness or disability (Name) NoneFailure of Protective Eqp. (Name) TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

30 x 100LB

Yours:

Jettisoned

Brt back

Un'Act For

Others:

If target not
bombed - why?If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

S/2 17/7/15/43

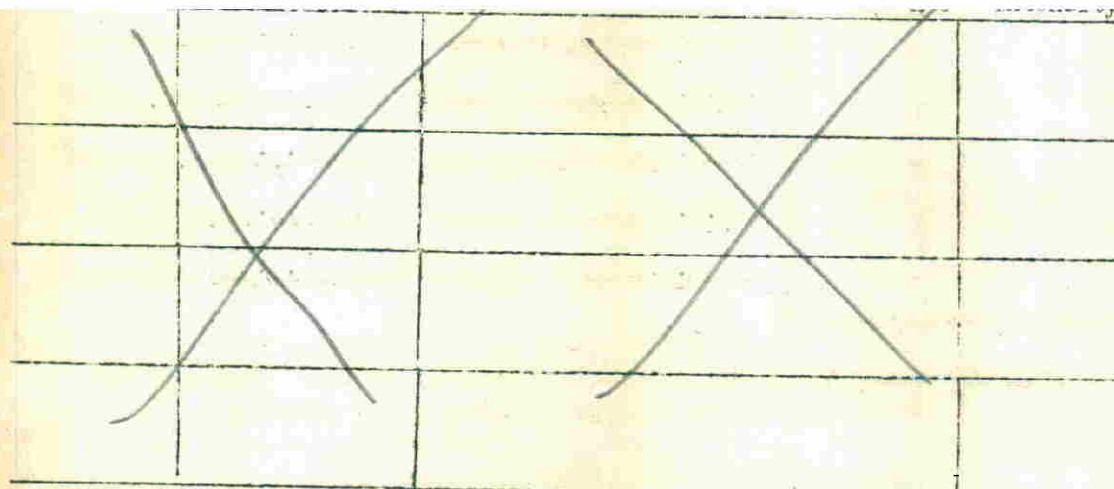
Very Good
P.T. was all
smoke for 100
ahead

Our bombs hit on right
side of H.P.I. and
developed plume on
that side.

6 ME 110 - Gray (one E/A had 3 red circles painted near nose
with 3 black arms extending fr each.)
30-50 F W 190 - Plate gray & silver - 3 aircraft on top

(No. E/E Seen) (Numbers and Types)

E/A 1st encountered at 1155 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 5234N
0509E - stuck around but not pass at
1250 at 5233N 0849E, and stayed
around attacking until 1420 (before I.P.) All attacks were when
friendly escort with conversion to
12 o'clock attacks, but only 1 attack
on our 100. Attacks were 4-6 & 8
shots.



FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)
at 5233N 0847E.

① 1250 hrs - 17 down - 1 chute seen -
A/C under control - trouble unknown -
believe A/C fr Wing ahead - turned
back toward England. This was

② Steinhuder See - P-47 going down, at 1257 - no chute seen.

③ 1304 - 2 17's down fr Wing ahead - hit by E/A. #1 eng. on fire & partly
Tail gone on one - 6 chutes. Other noticeable damage but it went straight
down & crashed - ^{one} chute observed.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

A/D seen at 1523,
5235-1003 -
0 S/E + 6-8 T/E
1/2 on A/D dispersal
area - no burnings,
just hard packed earth.

④ 1327 - 17 down fr Wing ahead at Haryelogen(?) -
no damage evident - 3 chutes.

⑤ 1329 - 17 down fr lead Sq. of Wing ahead - broke in
half at BT; #4 eng. on fire - 9 chutes.

⑥ 1331 - 17 down fr Wing ahead - hit by AA fr
Magedeburg - no chutes seen.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

BT suggests fighter
support be arranged
continuously - E/A
hit during breaks.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good fr 10 min be-
fore PT to leave -
prior to
that

⑦ 1338 - 2 17's down fr Wing ahead in flames fr
E/A near Magedeburg - one with 4 chutes & 2nd 3.

⑧ 1440 - B-17 missing out of our Sq. over P.T. - don't
know what happened to him.

⑨ 1437 1/2 - 2 B-24's over PT - hit by AA & blew
up - no chutes.

⑩ 2 - B-24's attacked by 3 ME 109's at 1523 at
5235-1003 - no chutes - went down in open.

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A). NONE

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME

Capt. Hallman

5235N

5235N

0740 E to

1000 E,

⑪ All crew suggest few of A/D in area
because this is where E/A come from to hit us.

INTERROGATION FORM

108100

Rank

Name _____

Rank

Name _____

<u>Lt. L.R. Morgan</u>	P	<u>T/Sgt M.L. Lobb</u>	TT
<u>Lt. R.O. Ward</u>	CP	<u>S/Sgt D.C. Lyon</u>	BT
<u>Lt. McCormick, R.E.</u>	N	<u>S/Sgt H.C. Kleckner</u>	RW
<u>S/Sgt S.J. Laface</u>	B	<u>S/Sgt K.R. Lash</u>	LW
<u>T/Sgt T.L. Verduco</u>	RAD	<u>S/Sgt E.R. Gomez</u>	TC

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Eqp't. (Name)

ERKNER

DROPPED

6 second after
TARGET BOMBED
leader (name)

1437 #25

21400 Ft.

250 MAG

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

30
10

100
100

Yours:

GN TARGET

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

Others:

AN TARGET

*Red Polymers

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

WOLF - NIKENBURG - 21900 - 30-40 SE FISH HOOK ME 109 + FW 1900

(No. E/S Seen)

(Numbers and Types

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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11 TO 10 CLOSE ATTACHING DOW IN FRONT.
SILVER FUSILAGE ON BOTTOM-BLACK ON TOP
SOME SOME COLOR ASB17.

Came in 814 ahead from in front of formation and peeled underneath - crossing -

Knocking out  about 5
6-176

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

15TH HRS - 17000 - CEELE
B-17 WENT DOWN IN TIGHT SPIN -
NO CHUTES.

200-NISNBURG - 29920 - 6 B17s went down smoking -
from 2 - 10 o'clock - 3 out of control -

AT HANOVER ON RETURN - 16000 15TH HRS 2-24/0. AT 9000 ft
OBSERVATIONS OF CREW went down - no chutes seen.

BRUKWICKE - SMOKE SCREEN - 131THRS - 9400 HEAD - 21000 -
AROUND TOWN

345 - AIRFIELD - 3 o'clock - 21900. (AIRPORT NEAR IP-FIGHTERS)

ARMY POST? 52010-1200 E - 1459THRS - 20400 - 3120 HEAD INC.

NEAR AIRPORT - 26 AIRPLANES (FIGHTERS) CAMOUFLAGED.

CREWS SUGGESTIONS

TRANSPORTATION FOR SITE 3 219TH VERY POOR -
AD E CREW LATE - LOUD SPEAKER IN WAFF SITE #2 -
FLASHLIGHTS FOR CREW -

FIGHTER SUPPORT

FIGHTER SUPPORT SEEN UNTIL - ENEMY FIGHTERS ATTACKED
HEN TO TARGET NO SUPPORT - WAY OUT - GOOD -

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP ~~(WAS)~~ (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME

[Signature]

INTERROGATION FORM

for the same

[illegible]

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqp. (Name) _____

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

Yours:

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If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

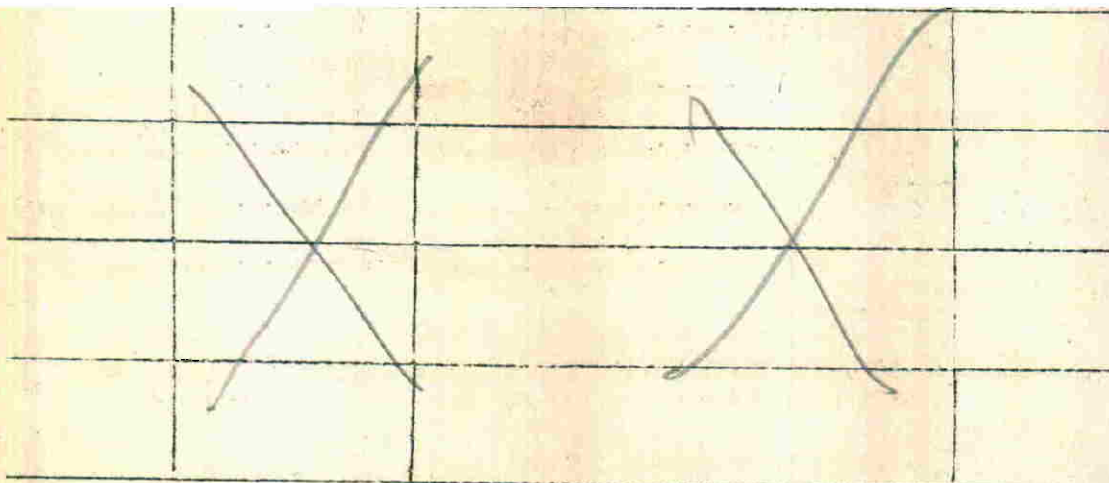
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any unusual weapons

S/2 17/7/15/43



FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS
 (Group and A/C No. - Condition -
 where down - chutes - any unusual
 occurrences of interest - your altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

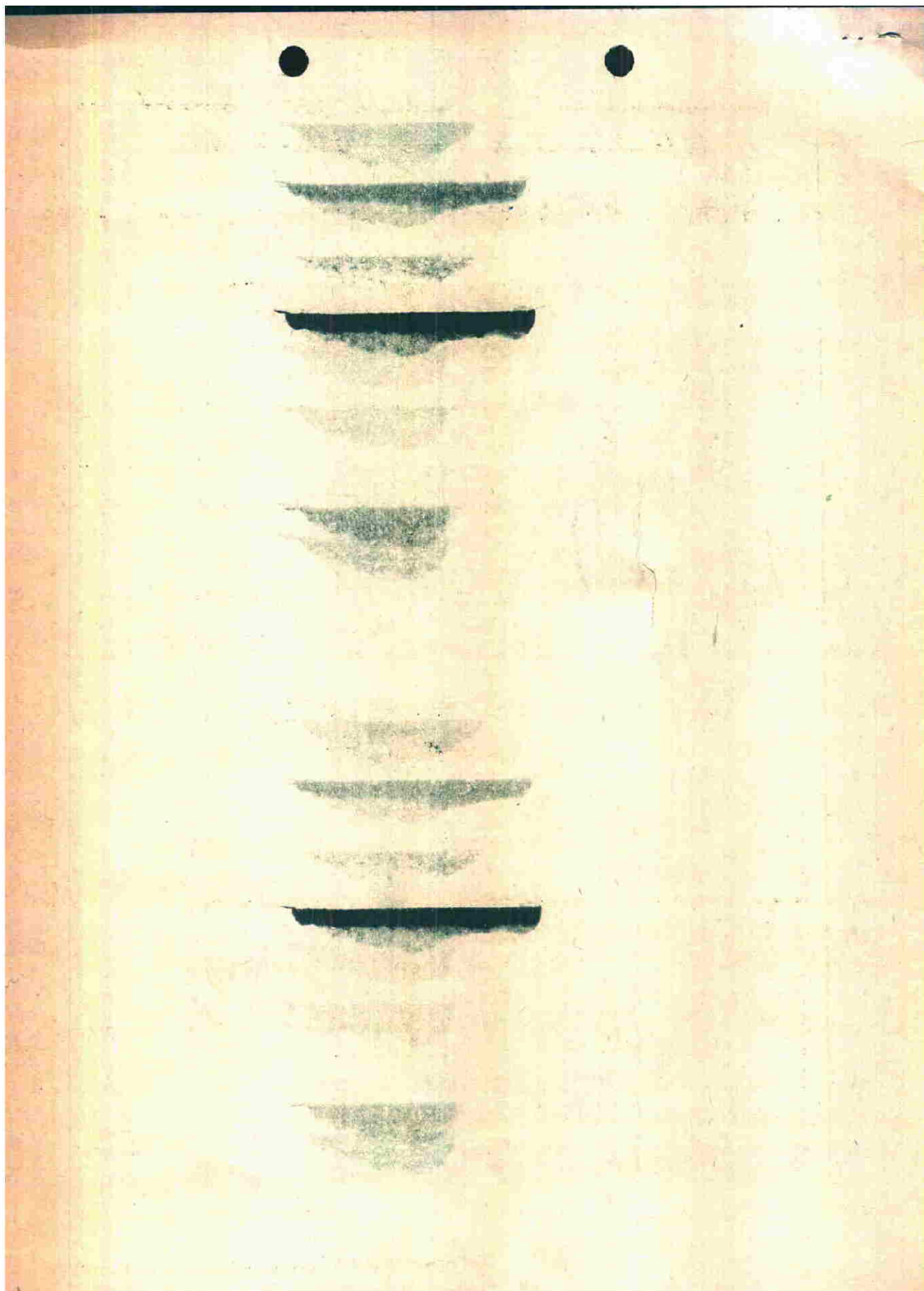
INTERROGATORS NAME _____

DATE OF ATTACK 8/3/44

S.HTP NO. 036

5-2 49-8/1/44

Reporting Officer



100 LEAD 13 COMBAT WING

March 8, 1944

FORMATION POSITION

HEAD SQUAD

P.F.P. Col. Bennett-Capt. Bull-Lt. Stapleton

Ward

Wilson 710 P

Morgan 788 B

Ward

Gough 857 Y

Gibbons 868 D

Harper 874 G

HIGH SQUAD

Shyboy

Rosenthal 884 Q

Harper 886 Y

Persythe 175 O

Jackplane

Chapman 888 D

Harold 888 H

Shoens 888 N

Helnick 812 Q

Mylius 812 L

Harold 847 O

Ground Spare

Jackplane 888 J

Harold 888 P

File

HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

D-1-2

APC 634
8 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Sortie Information, Mission # 125

TO : S-1, 100th Bomb Group (H), APC 634

1. The following pilots and their crews flew Operational Mission # 125, 8 March 1944:

PILOT	TARGET BOMBED	COORDINATES TURNED BACK	E/A OBSERVED
PFF - Lt. Col Bennett-Capt.			
Bull and Lt. Stapleton	Yes	Target	Yes
Lt. F. C. Foraythe	"	"	"
Lt. J. P. Gibbons	"	"	"
Lt. G. H. Gough	"	"	"
Lt. C. B. Harper	"	"	"
Lt. J. C. Harper	"	"	"
Lt. E. H. Helmdick	"	"	"
Lt. J. P. Massol	"	"	"
Lt. R. V. E. Monrad	"	"	"
Lt. L. R. Morgan	"	"	"
Lt. E. R. Williams	"	"	"
Lt. R. Rosenthal	"	"	"
Lt. H. J. Schoens	"	"	"
Lt. M. V. Wilson	"	"	"
Lt. N. L. Chapman	Missing	"	"

* Indicates encounters.

F. MINER SHAW
Major, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer.

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COMBAT REPORT

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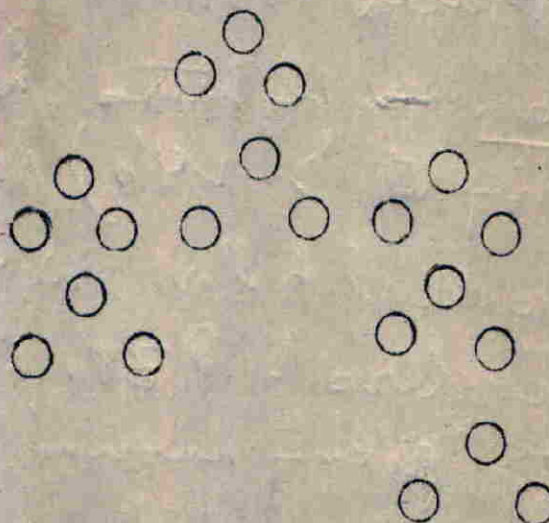
GROUP _____ SQN. _____ A/C _____ DATE _____

WHERE ATTACK
TOOK PLACE _____ HEIGHT _____ TIME _____

Our Heading _____
Type of E/A _____
Clock Pos. _____
Attack Level _____

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE



COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

Several targets near town of DIEPHOLT
(3-4)
all appeared empty - runway ~~Δ~~

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: _____ Position _____

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A _____

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. _____

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

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INTERROGATOR _____ Time _____

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Target area 1431 HRS - 11:00 AM
 Hammer to fighters P'38's (off at 9 o'clock
 knocking out 2-24's) 1500 HRS ~~AT 9 O'CLOCK~~
 7 o'clock level to low 20 fighters waiting
 for stragglers - P'38's with group kept them
 off - picking around until ZEIDELSEE

1336 - 52°14' 114°5' - 21820 ALT - 120° HEADING -
 10 SE FIGHTERS MADE PASS AT GROUP
 AHEAD AND 6 WENT DOWN IN FLAMES.

1 B-17 went down in spin 5 chutes seen
 LT. MCCORMICK
OBSV.

SMALL TOWN GRADELEGEN BOMBED - BY
 SOMEONE - SMOKE. WOOD ALT. 126° HEAD. 1328 HRS.

OBSERVATIONS (CONT'D)
 HANGERSBURG - FIRE - 1431 HRS -
 WOOD - 360° HEAD -

EAST OF TOWN OF NIEU BURG → ARMY BARRACKS?
 15540 ALT. 1529 HRS 376° HEAD

1543 HRS - 30 AIRPLANES - AIRPORT AT -
 QUAKENBROEK - 14660 ALT 290° HEAD

ZEIDEL ZEE - 4 BOATS IN AMSTERDAM
 AND DIK - 2 LG ISLAND - PUTTING UP SMOKE.
 (over)

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS.....PT Berlin ENE 22,100 Center of City IF OP DATE 8/3/44
GROUP (1437) 1437 HRS. (02,300) 22,000 ALT. HRS.

PILOT	SQDN	A/C NO.	LOADING	TARGET		OTHER	K	CASUALTIES			BATTLE DAMAGE		JETTISONED	BRT BACK	REMARKS
				PT	OTHER			N	I	R	SERIOUS	SLIGHT			
PFF			ALL A/C	6NPI											
Chapman	351	056	30x100			MISSING									
Forstythe	418	175	1b, Inc.	30x100	10 X 100										
Gibbons	350	968		30x100	10 X 100										
Gough	350	830	10 x 1001	30x100	10 X 100										
Harper	350	074	GP.	30x100	10 X 100										
Harper	418	895		30x100	10 X 100										
Helmsok	351	412		30x100	10 X 100										
Messol	351	047		30x100	10 X 100										
Monrad	351	066		30x100	10 X 100										
Morgan	349	783		30x100	10 X 100										
E.R. Morgan <u>WILLIAMS</u>	351	018		30x100	10 X 100										
Rosenthal	418	504		30x100	10 X 100										
Shoen	351	936		30x100	10 X 100										
Wilson	349	710		30x100	10 X 100										

350th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), AAF
 100th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 APO # 634

8 March 1944

ROSTER OF COMBAT CREWS ON OPERATIONAL MISSION FOR 8 MARCH 1944

CREW # 16 PLANE 31074

P - Lt C B Harper
 CP - Lt R S Flanigan
 N - Lt C T Hardiman
 B - Lt A E Cox
 R - T/Sgt A E James
 E - T/Sgt G P Luquet
 BT - S/Sgt A P Curlee
 RWG - S/Sgt W A Debbs
 LWG - S/Sgt J B Bowers
 TG - S/Sgt A R Frank

CREW # 52 PLANE 31968

Lt J P Gibbons
 Lt R Dykeman
 Lt E M Johnson
 Lt M H Cain
 T/Sgt R D Longworth
 T/Sgt I L Arnold
 S/Sgt B L Spragg
 S/Sgt M J Ettus
 S/Sgt F W Buschmaier
 S/Sgt A W Bunting

CREW # 57 PLANE 39830

P - Lt G H Gough
 CP - Lt T H Mullen
 N - Lt Lt J A Young
 B - Lt S W McFeely
 R - T/Sgt L P Paltrineri
 E - T/Sgt G H Thompson
 BT - S/Sgt ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ C F Schuster
 RWG - S/Sgt J E Trout
 LWG - S/Sgt J W Domenig
 TG - S/Sgt R T Graham

Ship # 31220 -- Ground Spare.

MAGEN C. FULLER,
 Captain, Air Corps,
 Operations Officer.

FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H) AAF
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COMBAT CREW ROSTER FEB MISSION OF MARCH 8, 1944:

CREW NO. 35 P #42-31504

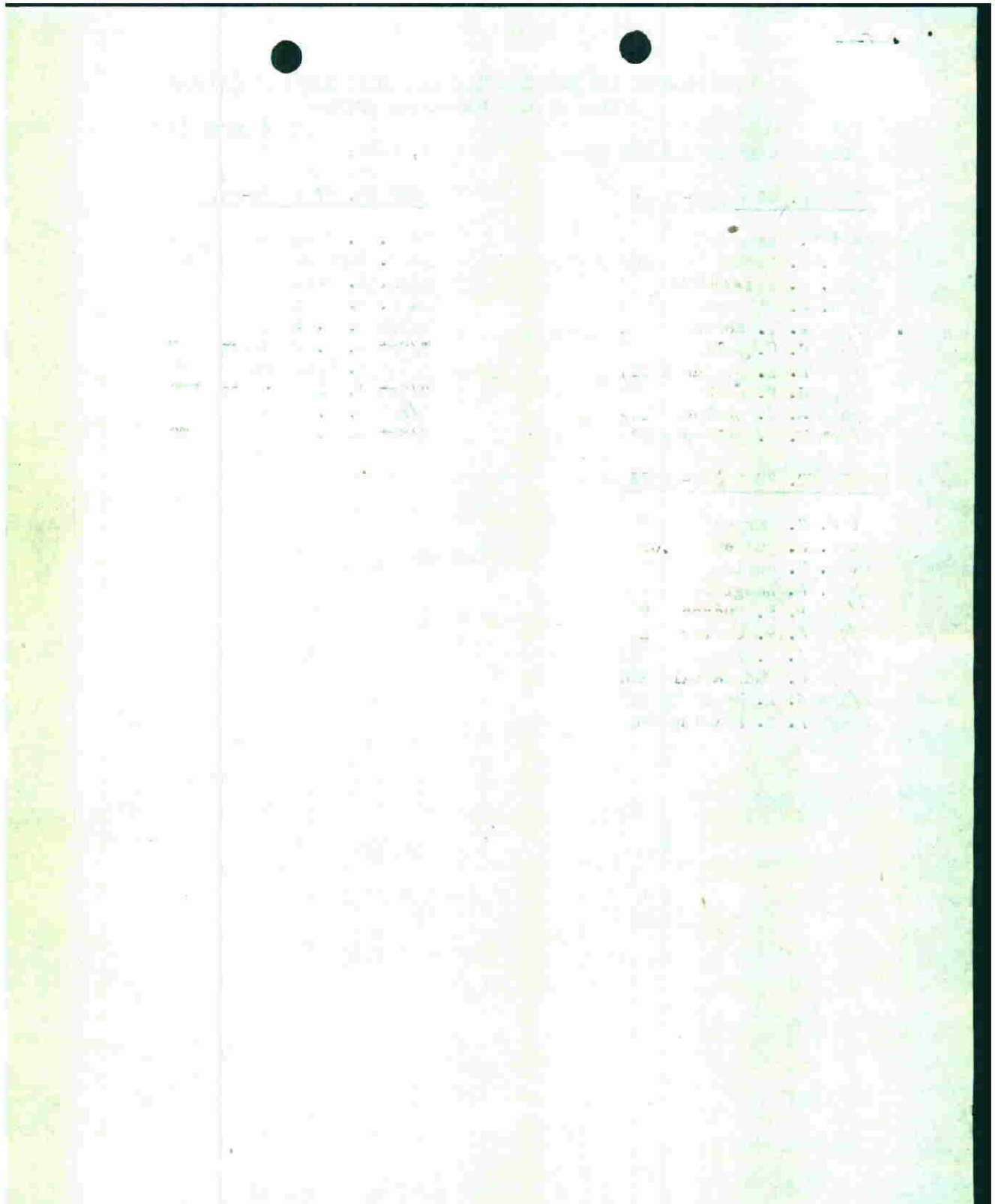
Capt R. Rosenthal	P
Lt W. T. Lewis	CP
Lt J. A. Buşalacchi	N
Lt C. J. Milburn	B
T/Sgt M. V. Bocuzzi	R
T/Sgt C. C. Hall	E
S/Sgt R. H. Robinson	BTG
S/Sgt J. F. Mack	RWG
S/Sgt M. J. Sheldon	LWG
S/Sgt W. J. DeBlasio	TG

CREW NO. 76 P #42-31895

Lt J. C. Harper	P
Lt T. L. Hulsey	CP
Lt C. C. Cowing	N
Lt W. A. Naeglee	B
Ez/Sgt R. E. Hudson	R
T/Sgt W. S. Carter	E
S/Sgt J. B. Kyrce	BTG
S/Sgt F. Padstawski	RWG
S/Sgt J. L. Mauk	TG KNE
S/Sgt K. C. Helming	LWG

CREW NO. 77 P #42-38175

Lt W. C. Forsythe	P
Lt P. Haralson	CP
Lt A. H. Paine	N
Lt R. W. Mcatee	B
T/Sgt P. J. Buck	R
T/Sgt P. J. Johnston	E
S/Sgt P. Vanslyck	BTG
S/Sgt J. A. Codoluto	RWG
S/Sgt N. C. Linke	LWG
S/Sgt R. D. Schad	TG



349TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (H), ARMY AIR FORCES
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7 March 1944

ALERT LIST FOR 8 March 1944.

PFF

TG- Stapleton, Charles S. 2nd Lt.

CREW #4 SHIP #710

P - Lt. Wilson, M.V.
CP- Lt. Adams, C.E.
N - Lt. Johnston, J.T.
B - S/Sgt. Craven, J.L.
R - Sgt. Sweeney, E.V.
E - S/Sgt. McAuliffe, J.W.
BT- S/Sgt. Hopkins, C.J.
RW- Sgt. Moreland, W.E.
LW- Sgt. Donahue, C.B.
TG- Sgt. Davis, C.G.

CREW #42 SHIP #783

P - Lt. Morgan, L.R.
CP- Lt. Ward, E.O.
N - Lt. McCormick, R.E.
B - S/Sgt. Laface, S.J.
R - T/Sgt. Verdunso, T.L.
E - T/Sgt. Lobb, M.L.
BT- S/Sgt. Lyon, D.C.
RW- S/Sgt. Kleckner, H.C.
LW- S/Sgt. Lash, K.A.
TG- S/Sgt. Gomez, E.B.

Lt. Busalacchi, A.J. -Nav with Capt. Rosenthal Crew #35
Ship #504 Dispersal 43

For the Squadron Commander:

SUNNY H. REEDER
Capt., Air Corps
Operations Officer

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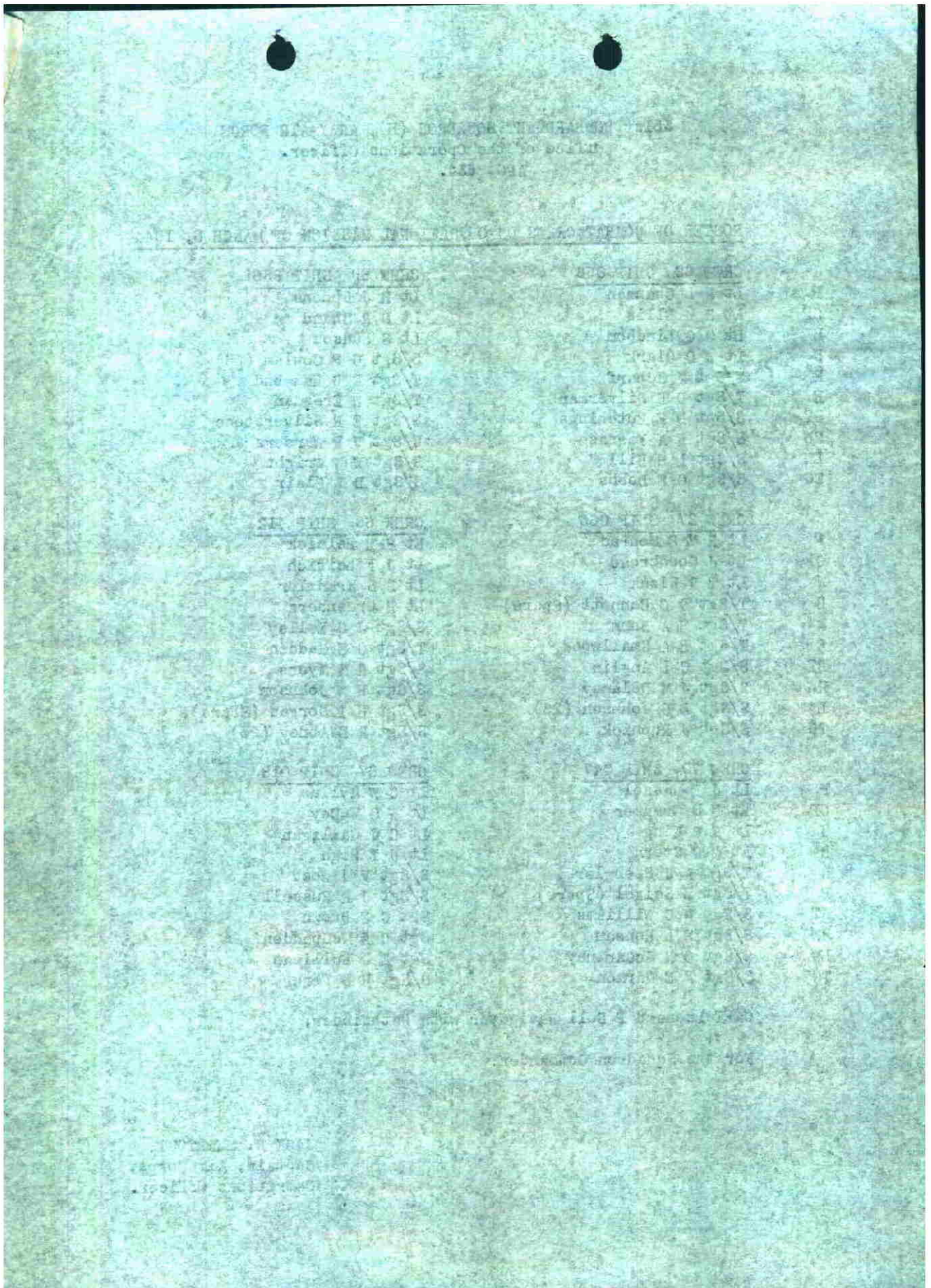
ROSTER OF COMBAT CREWS ON OPERATIONAL MISSION OF MARCH 8, 1944

	<u>CREW 62 SHIP 056</u>		<u>CREW 69 SHIP 936</u>
P	Lt H L Chapman		Lt R J Shoens
CP	Lt R M Ellis		Lt D R Shand
N	Lt G G Lindbom		Lt G Hudson
B	Lt W D Clark		S/Sgt C P Coulam (68)
R	T/Sgt M Scharf		T/Sgt D B Hammond
E	T/Sgt G B Silverman		T/Sgt W Eresman
BT	S/Sgt D E Hutchings		S/Sgt E R Silverstone
RW	S/Sgt F A Yzenas		S/Sgt V H Warders
LW	S/Sgt L E Hill		S/Sgt W W Wright
TG	S/Sgt G E Dobbs		S/Sgt D L Blair
	 <u>CREW 27 SHIP 066</u>		 <u>CREW 68 SHIP 412</u>
P	Lt R V E Monrad		Lt R H Helmick
CP	Lt J Goodbread		Lt J F Leirich
N	Lt T R Kizak		Lt S S Kranzler
B	T/Sgt D C Bennett (Spare)		Lt R Greenberg
R	T/Sgt H A Bonn		S/Sgt J G Kelley
E	T/Sgt H A Smallwood		T/Sgt G E Madden
BT	S/Sgt C L Anglin		S/Sgt R M Myers
RW	S/Sgt J M Delaney		S/Sgt H W Johnson
LW	S/Sgt L G Johnson (25)		S/Sgt E I Morgan (Spare)
TG	S/Sgt J Rupnick		S/Sgt R D Abney (25)
	 <u>CREW 70 SHIP 047</u>		 <u>CREW 67 SHIP 018</u>
P	Lt J F Massol		Lt C W Mylius <i>C. Williams</i>
CP	Lt H D Granger		Lt W G McCoy
N	Lt E C King		Lt C J Galligan
B	Lt A E Stern		Lt N T High
R	T/Sgt A J Spengler		S/Sgt V J Wood
E	T/Sgt B Seigel (Spare)		S/Sgt J R Russell
BT	S/Sgt W C Williams		Sgt C E Brown
RW	S/Sgt W L Reneau		Sgt C E McSpadden
LW	S/Sgt O N McCartney		Sgt E J Sullivan
TG	S/Sgt N E Garmon		S/Sgt H D Fern

CAPT Leonard P Bull Navigator with Pathfinder;

For the Squadron Commander:

JACK R. SWARTOUT,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.



FORMATION POSITION

8/3/44

LEAD SQDN

PVT-Col. Bennett-Capt. Bull-Lt. Stapleton

Wilson 710 P

Morgan 783 B

Gough 830-Y

Gibbons 968 D

Harper 074 Q

LOW SQDN

HIGH SQDN

Rosenthal 504 Q

Harper 895 Y

Porsythe 175 Q

Chapman 086 D

missing

Monrad 066 R

Shoers 936 K

TRAIL SQDN

Welmick 412 G

WILLIAMS
Mylius 018 L

Massol 047 O

Ground Spare 389 J
" " 220 P

FORMATION POSITION

8/3/44

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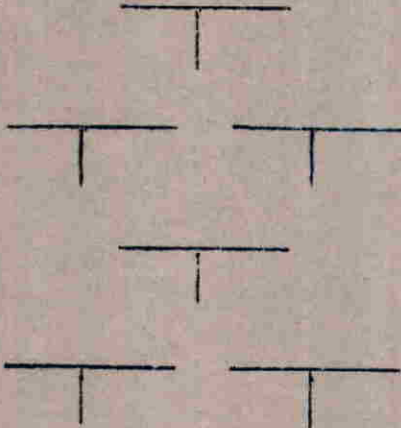
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LOW SQDN

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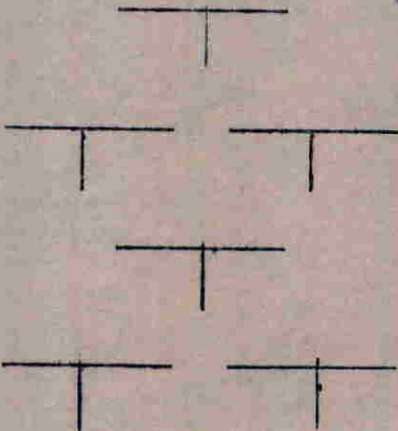


Rosenthal 504 Q
Harper 935 Y Forsythe 178 Q
Chapman 936 D
Moran 938 R Simpson 938 M

TRAIL SQDN

Helrick 412 G

Mylius 018 L Mansel 047 O



Ground Spare 389 J
" " 220 P

FORMATION POSITION

8/3/44

MISSION *126*
125?

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Harper 074 Q ✓

LOW SQDN

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TRAIL SQDN

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ER Williams ?

Ground Spare 389 J

" " 220 P

P mission VKE Ball Bearing
S mission - Berlin - Center City

Crew no	E.	R.	B.T.G	R.W.G	L.W.G	T.G	
4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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76	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
77	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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McCARTHY, CAPT.

REEDER, CAPT.

DATE OF BRIEFING _____

SHAW, MAJOR

STOVER, CAPT.

S-2 52-18/1/44

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FROM OITHE 07/184
 TO USLIST SB-SC
 SECRET 3 B.D.

R-71-E

ADVANCE WARNING TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 174

2. A. TARGET

PRIMARY GH-487A

B. FORCE REQUIRED

4TH COMWG - 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP
 13TH COMWG - 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP
 45TH COMWG - 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP

C. ROUTE (TENTATIVE)

SPLASHER NO. 5 (ZERO HOUR)

M

5237-0437E

5235-0820E

5238-1110E

5215-1225E

5154-1330E

5213-1413E

5228-1402E

TARGET

5218-1303E

4XXXX

5215-1225E

5238-1110E

5235-0820E

5237-0437E

SPLASHER NO. 5

3. X. (1) ZERO HOUR 1100 BST 8 MARCH 1944.

(2) BOMB LOADING: ALL GROUPS

8 M-17'S ON STATIONS 10, 11, 18, 21, 31, 32, 39, 42
 PLUS 14 X 100 LB. GP 1/10 NOSE 1/40 TAIL FUSING

IF M-17'S NOT AVAILABLE:

10 X 100 LB. GP. 1/10 NOSE X 1/40 TAIL FUSING

CLUSTERED ON LOWER INBOARD RACKS PLUS 30 M47 A1 I.B.'S.

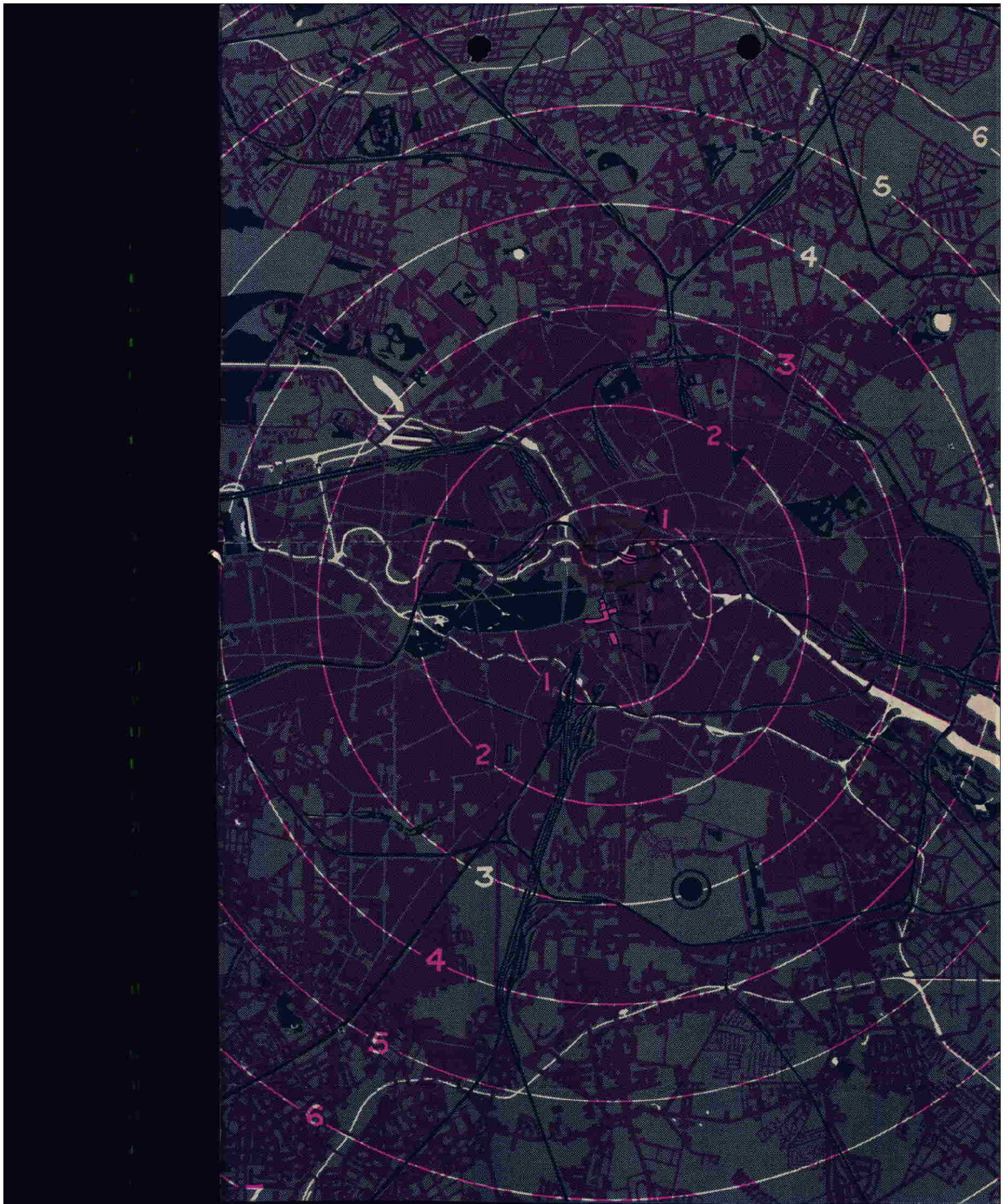
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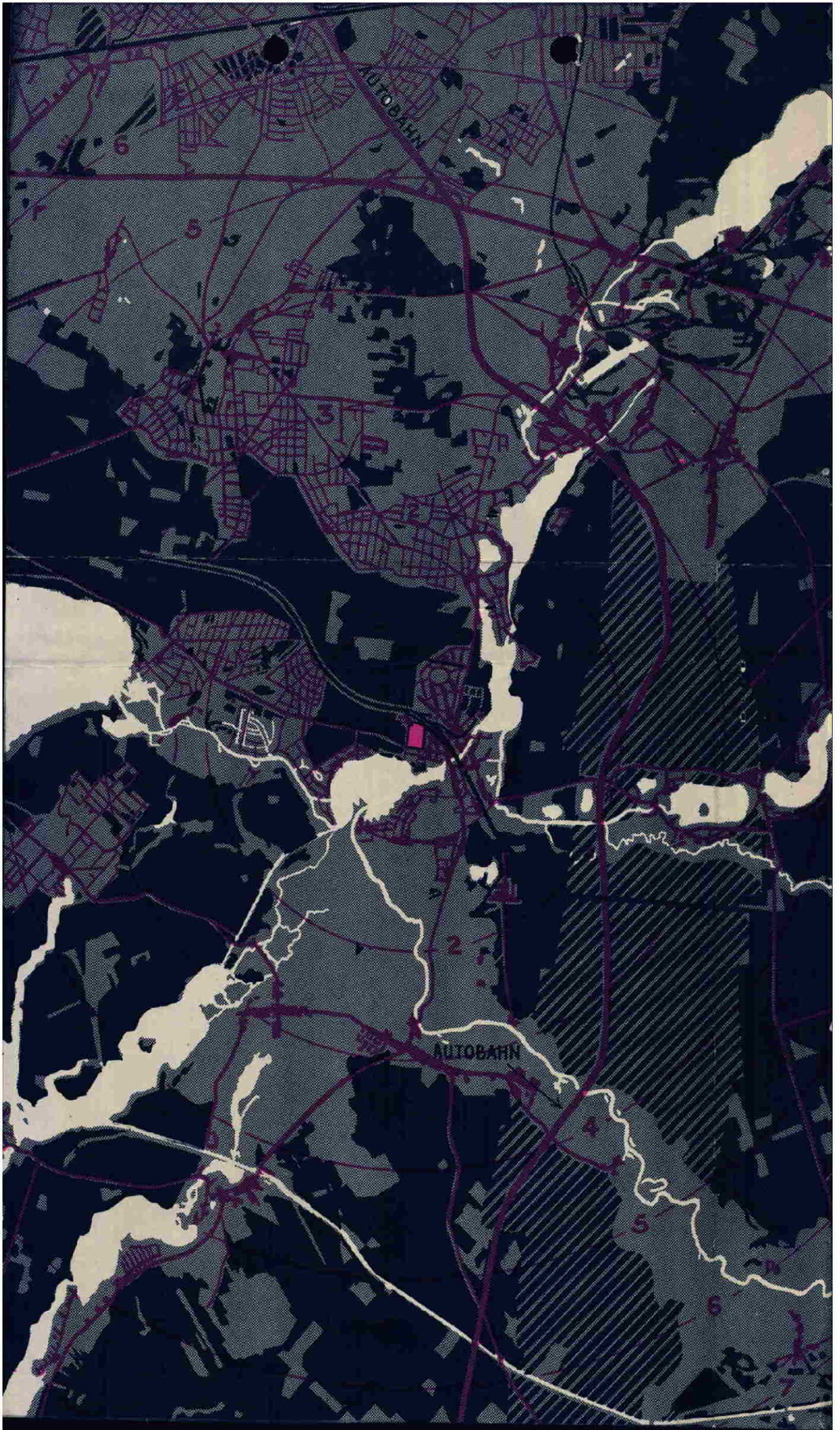
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TAS R.....07/1902A RAF AR









Target No.
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VEREINIGTE
KUGELLAGERFABRIKEN A.G.

ERKNER near BERLIN
(GERMANY)

Illustration No.
4 (a) II/1

0 500 1000 1500 2000 YARDS
0 1/2 1 MILE

Photographed 28 September 1941

(1 : 32,000) approx.

Issued July 1943



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THE FOLLOWING PLANES HAVE CAMERAS
INSTALLED, WHICH WILL GO OFF AUTOMATICALLY
WITH BOMBS AWAY.

232018

238047

231710

237783

231968

238175

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23 2018

23 8047

23 1710

23 7783

23 1968

23 8175

CHECK SHEET
Duty Officer

(Date) _____

(Check each of following as handled)

SPECIAL
NOTES

BRIEFING INFORMATION

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. From File Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. From Map Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Course, pictures & maps (War Room) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Pictures & maps (Main Briefing Room) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Course - Briefing Rooms (Duty Navigator) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Bulk maps & pictures to Map Room | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Epiadiascope pictures prepared | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

FOOD

FIRES

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Gunners' Briefing Room (Tele. #53) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Main Briefing Room (By 2400 hours) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

GUARDS

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Authorized Admission List | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Posting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Dismissal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

P/W KITS

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Loading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Check out sheet & EM assignment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

POST BRIEFING

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Personal property & issue records to S-2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Main Briefing Rm. (Lights out, stoves closed) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Briefing Material to Files in folder
(Removed from both Briefing Rooms) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

(Fill in time or name)

1. Pre-Briefing at _____

2. Briefing at 0530

3. Time over target 1430

4. ETR 1650

5. No. Crews on Mission 15

6. File & Map clerks called at 0230

7. Other EM called at 0230

8. Officers notified at:

a. Main Briefing 0230

b. Gunners' Briefing 0230

c. Major Shaw 1935 - Mar. 7-44

9. Assignments:

a. Gunners' Epiadiascope Flang

b. Main Br. Epiadiascope Chase

c. P/W Kits Wyatt

d. Map Room W. Smith

10. Personal phone calls stopped 0500

NOTE: Official telephone calls are to be noted in the Journal. Time, Date & Duty Officer's initials go on each order or annex received from Operations.

S-2 52/2-2-44

MAIN BRIEFINGDATE March 8, 1944BRIEFING O. Lt. Mackeney

1. TARGETS: (IMPORTANCE, SIZE & IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS)

2ND & PRIMARY TARGET: The V.K.F. ballbearing factory at ERKNER, 16 miles ESE of the center of Berlin. This plant specializes in sizes required in the production of high performance aircraft. Its entire output goes into the Luftwaffe.

1st - Primary T
B. SECONDARY TARGET: Center of Berlin. (PFF)

C. LAST RESORT: Any military objective positively identified as being in Germany which can be attacked without disrupting fighter support.

2. ROUTE: (FLAK AREAS ON ROUTE IN & RETURN)

A. FROM ENEMY COAST TO I.P.: Essentially the same route is used to reach the target as was used on the last mission. The usual care should be taken in and out to avoid the defenses at Ijmuiden and Amsterdam. There are many small defenses which are near enough the briefed course to fire. They are: ZWOLLE, MEPPEN, LINGEN, VECHTA, NEINBURG, and CELLE. Active A/Ds near the course will probably fire also. The heavy defenses of HANOVER, MAGDEBURG, and BRANDENBURG should definitely be avoided. If the P.T. is hit, the intense flak will be avoided by turning SOUTH after bombing. (Briefed route through heavy flak is within range of 160 heavy guns).

Wassenaar A/D - Damm A/D - Luckenward

B. FROM I.P. TO TARGET:

C. GUNS AT P.T.: # HEAVY _____ GUNS AT S.T.: # HEAVY _____ GUNS AT L.R.: # HEAVY _____

D. MOBILE FLAK UNITS on RR cars or BARGES (if any)

3. ENEMY FIGHTERS: WITHIN 12⁵ MILES OF THE TARGET.

A. NUMBER: S/E 60 T/E 125 F/B 10 RTU 10

B. TACTICS: (anything new or unusual)

NOTE: There should be no snow on the ground either in the target area or along the route.

5. EPIADIASCOPE

6. CLOSING REMARKS:

MAKE AS MANY OBSERVATIONS AS POSSIBLE...REPORTING SAME TO YOUR NAVIGATOR.

IF CAPTURED....NAME, RANK & SERIAL NUMBER.

Target information:

Target consists of 3 very large and 1 large shops. It occupies an area of approx. 1400' x 800'. It is located at the E. edge of a large wooded area and adjacent to the main Berlin-Frankfurt on Oder RR. The inland lakes of the River Spree system form conspicuous landmarks. Note lakes form a chain running N-S about 15 miles long. Point out 2 lakes to the S. resembling inverted Cpl's stripes. Easternmost tip of the top stripe is 2 miles from the target and points directly at it. Large oval-shaped lake(the only one in the area) is 2 miles W. of target.

Camouflage: Disruptive painting on roofs of 2 of the workshops.

Capt Bowman

GUNNERS' BRIEFING

1. TARGET: (General Location, importance, size)

P.T. The V.K.F. ballbearing factory at ERKNER, 16 miles ESE of the center of Berlin. This plant specializes in sizes required in the production of high performance aircraft. Its entire output goes into the Luftwaffe.

S.T. → Center of Berlin (PPF)

D/overcast jamming & Noisy

L.R. Any military objective positively identified as being in Germany which can be attacked without disrupting fighter support.

2. ROUTE IN (Timing data)

a. Taxi 835
 b. Take off 850
 c. Rendezvous with other Groups 1027
 d. Reach Bombing altitude 1147
 e. Temperature at Bombing altitude -22 F
 f. Leave British coast 1100
 g. Arrive Enemy Coast 1147
 h. ETA at IP for PT 1479
 i. Axis of attack
 j. PT (s) 1425
 k. Rally point 1430

ROUTE OUT (Timing Data)

l. Leave Enemy coast 1602
 m. Time of descent 1602
 n. Place of descent
 o. Arrive English coast 1637
 p. ETR 7645

422 F

5/8/10 low cloud

3. ENEMY DEFENSES

- a. KNOWN Flak areas along route in and out: (Number & Type of Guns)
 If Known (Mobile Flak units; on RR cars & barges)

Essentially the same route is used to reach the target as was used on the last mission. The usual care should be taken in and out to avoid the defenses at IJMUUDEN and AMSTERDAM. There are many small defenses which are near enough the briefed course to fire. They are: ZWOLLE, MEPPEN, LINGEN, VECHTA, NEINBURG, and CELLE. Active A/Ds near the course will probably fire also. The heavy defenses of HANOVER, MAGDEBURG, and BRANDENBURG should definitely be avoided. If the P.T. is hit, the intense flak will be avoided by turning South after bombing. (Briefed route through heavy flak is within range of 160 heavy guns)

b. FLAK around P. T. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
 c. FLAK around S. T. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____
 d. FLAK around L. R. # Heavy guns _____ : # light guns _____

- c. E/A: Types... within _____ miles radius of the Target:

Number - S/E 6 ; T/E 125 ; F/B _____ ; RTU 76

- d. Other defenses:

a. Smoke Screen
 b. Decoys

S-2 27/1/10/43

- 14 PFF + 6 AC Vion
- b. Group leading our formation 100-
- c. Positions of Squadrons in our Group: Lead 9p; High 95A; Low 390; 21 each.
- d. Bombing alt. of our Group 22000; other Groups _____
- e. Bomb load 8-M17's plus 42 x 100
- f. Other efforts: _____
- Targets and times of Diversions and other Friendly efforts: _____

5. FIGHTER SUPPORT (Warn against firing against our own escort)

- a. Type of A/C _____; Strength 972
- b. Time and place of rendezvous _____
- c. Extent of escort:
- | | |
|---------------|------|
| 2 9p P-47 - | 1153 |
| 2 " P-47 - | 1220 |
| 3 " P-47 - | 1242 |
| 1 "47-9p 51 - | 1312 |
| 3 9p 51 | 1344 |

6. EPILOGUE — out

- | | |
|------------------|------|
| 2 9p P-38 - | 1436 |
| 2 Sq P-51 | 1457 |
| 2 9p P-47 x 51 - | 1519 |
| 3 9p P-47 | 1532 |

7. CLOSING REMARKS

- a. All observations - TIME, PLACE AND ALTITUDE
- b. Hot News - report time, place, and altitude of our A/C down or going down at sea; or enemy territory and Enemy Naval forces.
- c. NOTIFY NAVIGATOR IMMEDIATELY IF E/A IS BELIEVED DAMAGED OR DESTROYED SO THAT PROPER NOTE IS MADE IN NAVIGATOR'S LOG
- d. If captured: Name, Rank, and Serial No.

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DATE OF BRIEFING _____

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TVNZ

USLIST SB-SC V OITHE NR 13 -OP-

FROM OITHE 07/2055A

TO USLIST SB-FC

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SECRET 3BD R-72-E

3D BOMB DIVISION FIELD ORDER NO. 174

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT.

TO FOLLOW

B. FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES.

1ST DIVISION WILL DEPART ORFORDNESS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES AND WILL ATTACK TARGET GH487A.

2ND DIVISION WILL DEPART CROMER AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES AND WILL ATTACK TARGET GH487A.

1ST DIVISION WILL GUIDE LEFT ON 3RD DIVISION.

2ND DIVISION WILL GUIDE LEFT ON 1ST DIVISION.

2. A. TARGETS.

PRIMARY:

GH487A (IF OVERCAST BOMBING IS NECESSARY)
GZ2714 MPI 030024/2 (TO BE ATTACKED BY ANY COMWG IF VISUAL BOMBING IS POSSIBLE).

SECONDARY AND LAST RESORT:

ANY MILITARY OBJECTIVE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED IN GERMANY WHICH CAN BE ATTACKED WITHOUT DISRUPTING FIGHTER SUPPORT.

B. FORCE REQUIRED.

4TH COMWG - 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP

13TH COMWG - 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP

45TH COMWG - 3 GROUPS - 21 A/C PER GROUP

C. DIVISION ASSEMBLY LINE.

BUNCHER 12 (BURY ST. EDMUNDS) (15000 FT) - ZERO HOUR MINUS 23 MIN
SPLASHER 6 ZERO HOUR MINUS 15 MIN

SP

LASHER 5

ZERO HOUR

THE 45TH COMWG WILL APPROACH BUNCHER 12 FROM THE SOUTHWEST.
THE 13TH COMWG WILL APPROACH BUNCHER 12 FROM THE SOUTHEAST.
THE 4TH COMWG WILL APPROACH BUNCHER 12 FROM THE SOUTH.

SPLASHER 9 (15000 FT.-START CLIMB TO BOMBING ALTITUDE)

5237-0437E (22000 FT)	ZERO HOUR
5235-0820E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 47 MINS.
5238-1110E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 102 MINS.
5215-1225E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 144 MINS.
5154-1330E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 164 MINS.
5213-1413E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 181 MINS.
5228-1402E (I.P.)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 194 MINS.
TARGET	ZERO HOUR PLUS 199 MINS.
5218-1303E (22,000 FEET)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 205 MINS.
5215-1225E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 210 MINS.
5222-1200E (START DESCENT TO 15,000 FEET)	ZERO HOUR PLUS 216 MINS.
5238-1110E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 221 MINS.
5235-0820E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 231 MINS.
5237-0437E	ZERO HOUR PLUS 261 MINS.
LOWESTOFT BASES	ZERO HOUR PLUS 302 MINS.
	ZERO HOUR PLUS 337 MINS.

MTIMINGS ARE FOR 45TH COMWG

DESCENT TO 15,000 FEET : 160 IAS 200 FEET PER MIN. 0

E. BOMBING ALTITUDES.

LEAD GROUPS 22,000 FEET.

3. A. THE 45TH COMBAT WING WITH 2 PFF A/C ATTACHED WILL LEAD THE 3RD DIVISION FORCES.
- B. THE 13TH COMBAT WING WITH 1 PFF A/C ATTACHED WILL ECHELON RIGHT ON THE 45TH COMWG.
- C. THE 4TH COMBAT WING WILL FOLLOW THE 45TH COMWG AT A 4 MINUTE INTERVAL.

X. (1) ZERO HOUR: 1100 B.S.T. 8 MARCH 1944

(2) BOMB LOAD:

ALL A/C 8 X M17 I.B.'S ON STATIONS 10, 11, 18, 21, 31, 32
39, 42 PLUS 14 X 100 LB. G.P. BOMBS, FUSING 1/10 NOSE,
1/40 TAIL.

IF M17'S ARE NOT AVAILABLE:

10 X 100 LB. G.P. BOMBS, FUSING 1/10 NOSE,
1/40 TAIL CLUSTERED ON LOWER INBOARD RACKS PLUS 30 X M47A1
I.B.'S.

- (3) INTERVALOMETER SETTING 200 FEET WITH IXXEITHER BOMB LOAD.
DROP AS IF 100 LB. G.P.'S ONLY ARE BEING USED.
- (4) IF TARGET GZ-2714 IS ATTACKED, COMWGS WILL TURN LEFT AFTER
BOMBING, KEEPING SOUTH OF FLAK AREA AND REJOINING WITHDRAWAL
ROUTE AT 5215-1225E.
- (5) DISPOSITION OF PFF A/C:

2 PFF A/C TO 96 GROUP
1 PFF A/C TO 100 GROUP

4. NORMAL

COMWGS WILL FORWARD COPIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELD ORDERS
TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

USLIST SB-SC V OITHE NR 16 -P-

FROM OITHE 07/2300A

TO USLIST SB-SC

SECRET K 3 B.D. R-75-E

INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 174

GH 487A

REFER TO INTELLIGENCE ANNEX TO 3 BD FIELD ORDER 167

GZ 2714

IN WEIGHT OF OUTPUT THIS FACTORY RANKS SIXTH AMONG GERMAN BEARING PRODUCERS -- FOLLOWING THE THREE SCHWEINFURT FACTORIES (IF VKF VERKE II IS NOW OUT OF PRODUCTION, GZ 2714 IS THEN FIFTH), STEYR (IN AUSTRIA), AND STUTTGART. HOWEVER, WHILE THE SCHWEINFURT FACTORIES PRODUCE THE BULK OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE, STANDARD SIZE BEARINGS, THE STEYR AND STUTTGART FACTORIES AND GZ 2714 SPECIALIZE IN THE SPECIAL SIZES REQUIRED IN THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT AND AERO ENGINES AND CONSEQUENTLY THEIR IMPORTANCE IS RELATIVELY ENHANCED. THE ENTIRE OUTPUT OF GZ 2714 GOES DIRECTLY TO THE LUFTWAFFE.

IDENTIFICATION NOTE:

NO SNOW WILL BE ENCOUNTERED EITHER IN THE TARGET AREA OR ALONG THE ROUTE -- IF CLOUD BREAKS SHOULD PERMIT SIGHT OF THE GROUND.

FLAK:

ESSENTIALLY THE SAME ROUTE IS USED TO REACH THE TARGET AS WAS USED ON THE LAST MISSION. THE USUAL CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN ON COURSE IN AND OUT TO AVOID THE IJMUIDEN AND AMSTERDAM DEFENSES. THERE ARE MANY SMALL DEFENSES THAT ARE NEAR ENOUGH TO BRIEFED COURSE TO FIRE. THEY ARE: ZWOLLE, MEPPEN, LINGEN, VECHTA, NIENBURG AND CELLE. ACTIVE A/DS NEAR COURSE WILL PROBABLY FIRE ALSO. SEE 1:5000,000 FLAK MAP ISSUED BY MI 15 FOR THESE POSSIBLE A/D DEFENSES. THE HEAVY DEFENSES OF HANOVER, MAGDEBURG, AND BRNXXX BRANDENBURG SHOULD DEFINITELY BE AVOIDED. IF TARGET GZ 2714 IS HIT, THE INTENSE FLAK WILL BE AVOIDED BY TURNING SOUTH AFTER BOMBING. THE BRIEFED ROUTE TO BOMB GH 487 IS FAVORABLE TO AVOID AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE INTENSE TARGET DEFENSES. THESE ARE AT PRESENT 480 GUNS IN THE TARGET AREA. BRIEFED ROUTE THROUGH HEAVY FLAK IS WITHIN RANGE OF 160 HEAVY GUNS.

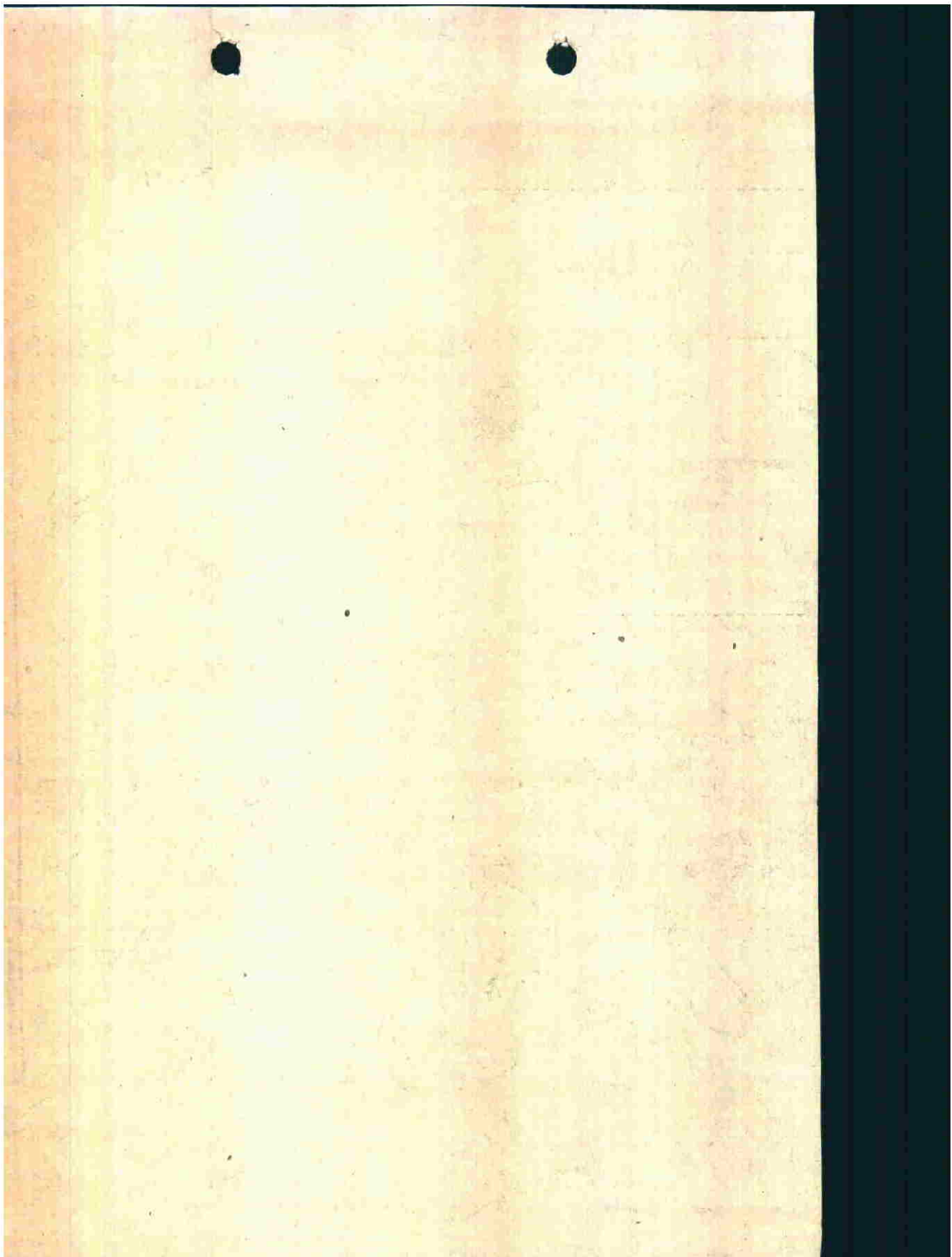
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SECRET 3 B.D. R-73-E

ANNEX NO. 1 TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER 174

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT.

- 2 GPS. P-47'S FROM 5237-0500E (CONTROL PT. NO. 2)
ZERO HOUR PLUS 53 MINS.
- 2 GPS. P-47'S FROM 5237-0650E- ZERO HOUR PLUS 80 MINS.
- 3 GPS. P-47'S FROM 5235-0820E (CONTROL PT. NO. 3)
ZERO HOUR PLUS 102 MINS.
- 1 GP. P-51'S AND 1 GP. P-38'S FROM
5237-1020E ZERO HOUR PLUS 132 MINS.
- 3 GPS. P-51'S FROM 5215-1225E (CONTROL PT. NO. 4)
ZERO HOUR PLUS 164 MINS.
- WITHDRAWAL
- 2 GPS. P-38'S FROM 5215-1225E ZERO HOUR PLUS 216 MINS.
- 2 SQAD. RAF P-51'S FROM 5237-1040E
(CONTROL PT. NO. 5) ZERO HOUR PLUS 237 MINS.
- 1 GP. P-47'S AND 1 GP. MIXED P-47'S AND P-51'S
FROM 5235-0830E ZERO HOUR PLUS 259 MINS.
- 2. GPS. P-47'S AND 1 GP. P-47'S FOR STRAGGLERS
FROM 5236-0720E (CONTROL PT. NO. 6)
ZERO HOUR PLUS 272 MINS.

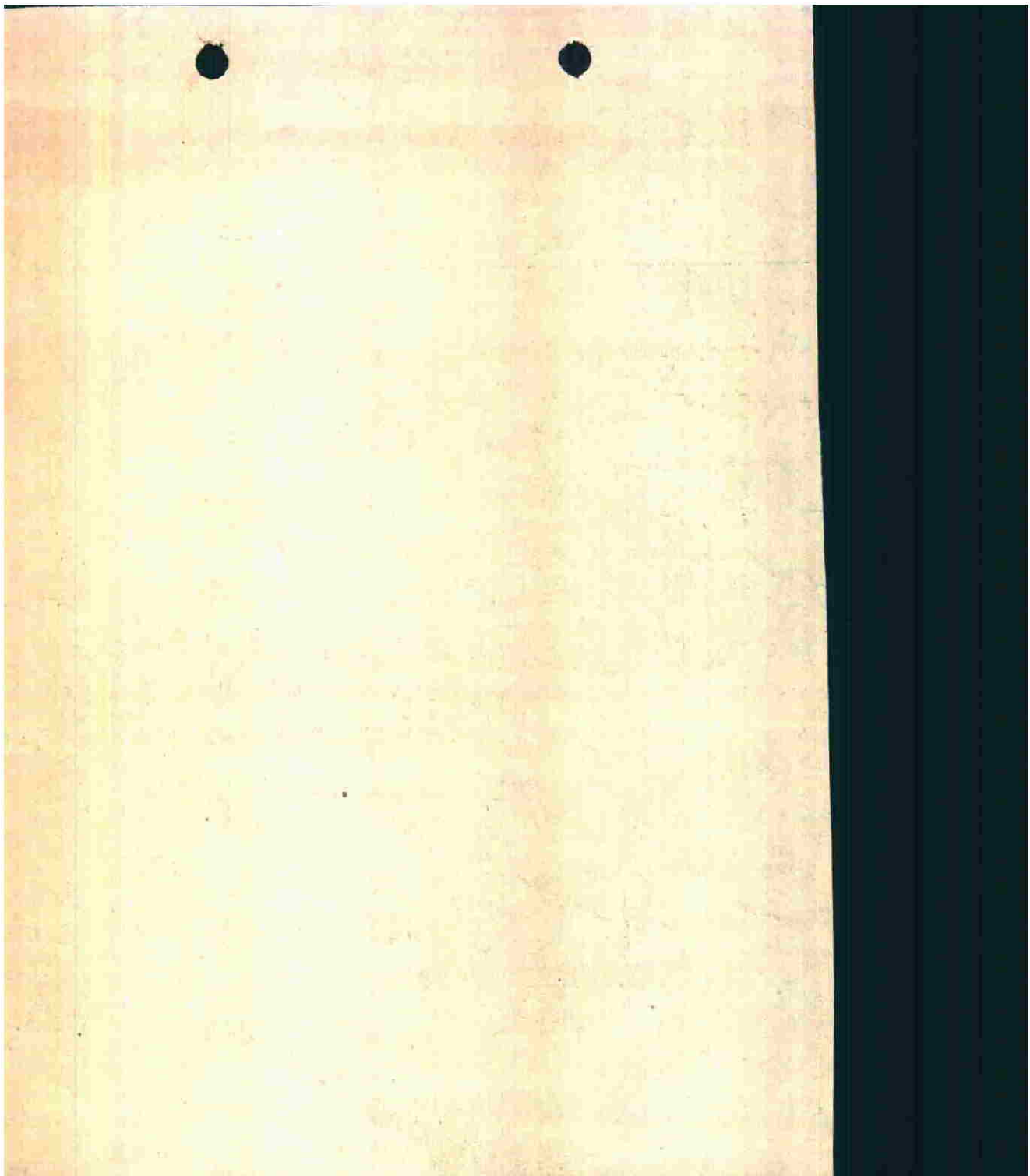
ENGLISH COAST ROUTE OUT IS CONTROL POINT NO. 1

THE LEAD COMWG OF THE DIVISION WILL REPORT BY VHF ON CHANNEL C, AND BY W/T IN CLEAR TEXT, WHEN THE TIME SCHEDULE ON THE ORIGINAL FLIGHT PLAN IS NOT MAINTAINED. THE MESSAGE WILL CONTAIN THE COMWG CALL SIGN, THE TIME CONTROL POINT NUMBER, AND THE NUMBER OF MINUTES LATE OR EARLY AT THE CONTROL POINT. IF OVER 15 MILES OFF COURSE, REPORT THAT ALSO.

3.E.(5) ANY LAST RESORT TARGETS ATTACKED WITHIN 50 MILES OF THE DUTCH BORDER MUTXX MUST BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED.

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ANNEX NO. 1 TO 13 CBW F.O. 174.

CHANGE PARAGRAPH 5 TO READ;

5. A. PYROTECHNICS

95A - RG

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R/T CALLSIGNS

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FIREBALL YELLOW

FIREBALL GREEN

B. LEADERS

LT. ENFIELD

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MAJ. DECKLANDOLAN

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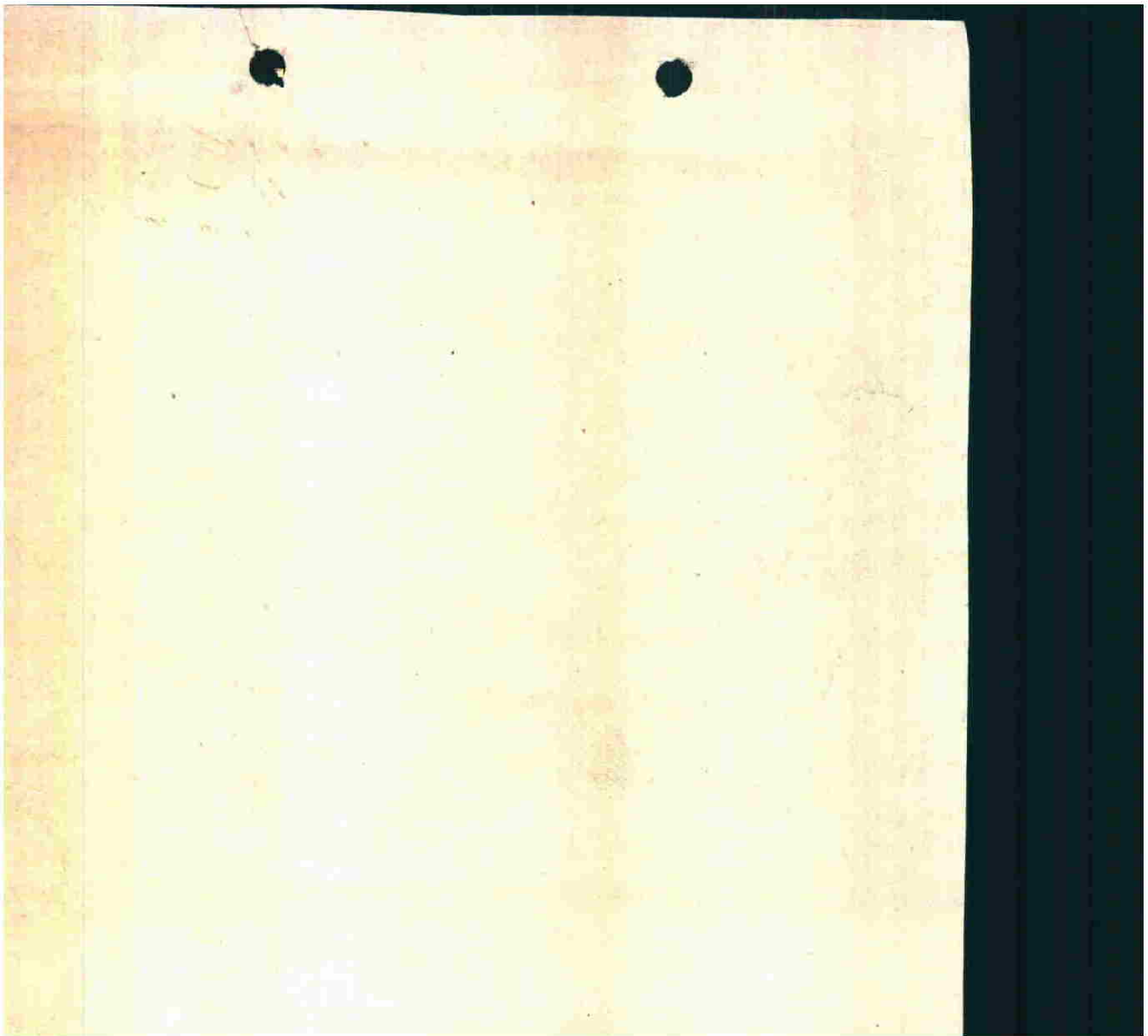
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SECRET 3 B.D. R-77-E

ANNEX NO. 2 TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 174

CHANGE FIGHTER SUPPORT TO READ:

1. A. FIGHTER SUPPORT.

1 GP. P-47'S FROM 5237-0500E (CONTROL PT. NO. 2)
 ZERO HOUR PLUS 53 MINS
 1 GP. P-47'S FROM 5237-0630E ZERO HOUR PLUS 80 MINS
 1 GP. P-47'S FROM 5235-0820E (CONTROL PT. NO. 3)
 ZERO HOUR PLUS 102 MINS
 1 GP. P-38'S FROM 5237-1020E ZERO HOUR PLUS 132 MINS
 1 GP. P-51'S FROM 5225-1150E (CONTROL PT. NO. 4)
 ZERO HOUR PLUS 164 MINS

WITHDRAWAL

1 GP. P-38'S FROM 5215-1225E ZERO HOUR PLUS 216 MINS
 (5237-1040E IS CONTROL PT. NO. 5 ZERO HOUR PLUS 237 MINS)
 1 GP. P-47'S FROM 5235-0830E ZERO HOUR PLUS 259 MINS
 1 GP. P-47'S FROM 5236-0720E (CONTROL PT. NO. 6)
 ZERO HOUR PLUS 272 MINS
 4 GPS P-47'S FROM 5236-0720E ON SECOND SORTIES TO SWEEP
 AREA TO PICK UP STRAGGLERS

ENGLISH COAST ROUTE OUT IS CONTROL POINT NO. 1

1ST DIV. SUPPORT

1 GP P-47'S

1 GP P-51'S

WITHDRAWAL

1 GP MIXED P-47'S AND P-51'S

2ND DIV. SUPPORT

3 GPS P-47'S

1 GP P-38'S

1 GP P-51'S

WITHDRAWAL

1 GP P-51'S

2 SQUAD RAF P-51'S

2 GPS P-47'S

2. B. CHANGE 1ST SENTENCE TO READ:

1ST DIVISION WILL DEPART ORFORDNESS AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 2
 MINUTES NOT PLUS 15 MINUTES REPEAT PLUS 2 MINUTES NOT
 PLUS 15 MINUTES AS SENT.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

1. PFF CALLSIGNS

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96	-	487E	NGME
100	-	532A	NGMA

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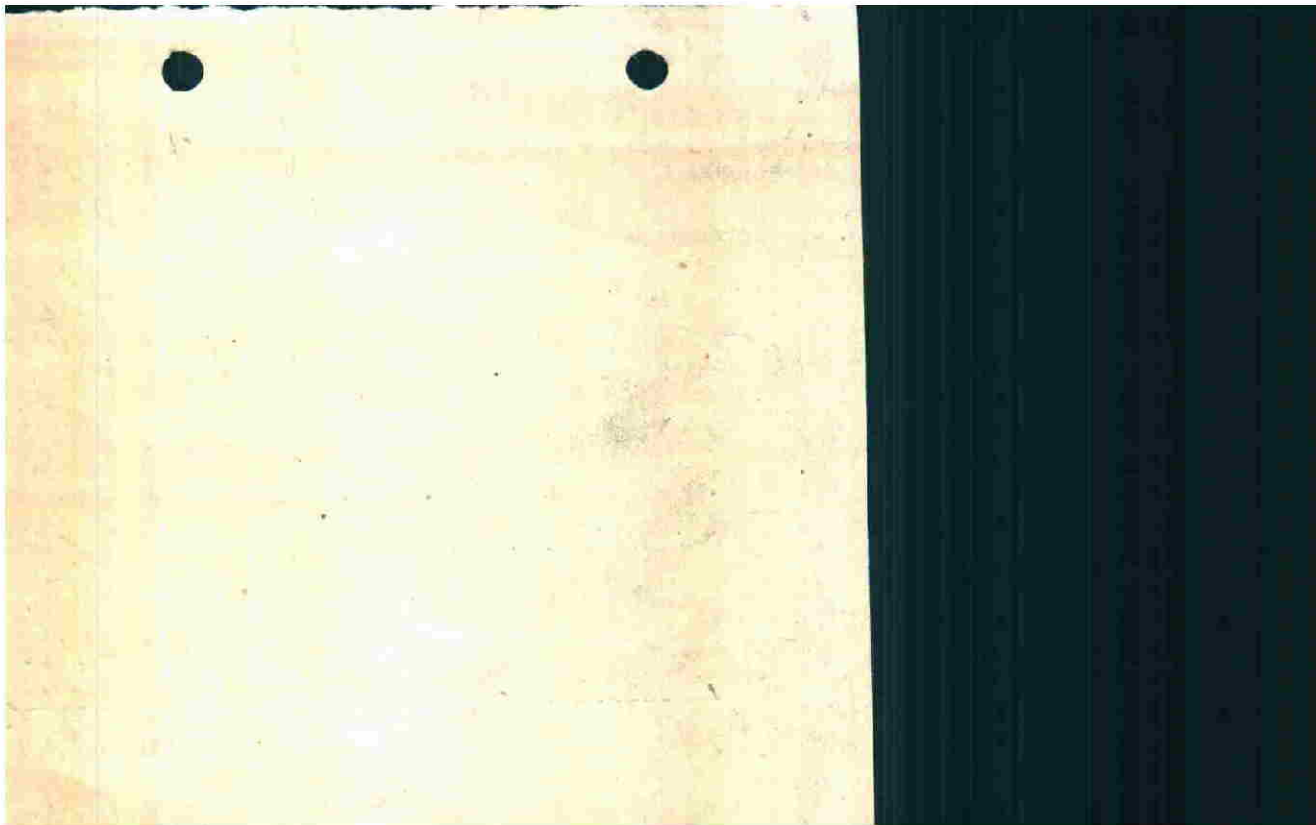
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BUNGER 12 ZERO HOUR MINUS 22 MINS.

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INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD-351 A/C NO. 018 LTR. BOMB LOAD DATE 8/3/44

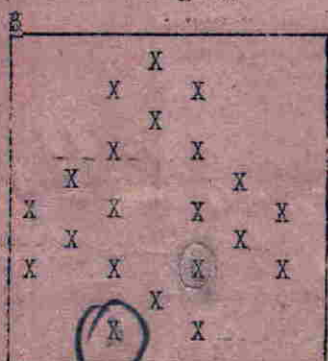
Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name

Rank

Name



E.R. Williams
 Lt. *E.R. Williams* P S/Sgt J.R. Russell IT
 Lt. *E. W. McCoy* - CP Sgt *E.E. Brown* BT
 Lt. *C.J. Galligan* N Sgt *C.E. McSpadden* RF
 Lt. *N.T. High* B Sgt *E.J. Sullivan* LW
 S/Sgt *V.J. Wood* RADS/Sgt *H.J. Fern* TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqp. (Name) _____

TARGET BOMBED

(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

30x100
10x100

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

Yours:

Others:

If target not
bombed - why?If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition - at 1252 (Neinburg) 23500 saw
 where down - chutes - any unusual one chute but could not
 occurrences of interest - your altitude) see any plane in distress. Our heading 88°.

OBSERVATIONS BY CREW
 DB17 at 1257 dropped bombs while 8 miles
 west of Steinbucker Lake. ~~Had~~ one engine
smoking. Then turned back. Could not identify.
see attached sheet for additional B17 dope.

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

name

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Good coming out - poor going in.
Better to have more fighters.

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (E/A) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 1

NO. E/A DAMAGED. ✓

INTERROGATOR'S NAME James

INTERROGATION FORM

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Name _____

LW
RW

Failure of Protective Eqp. (Name) _____

S/2 17/24 15/43

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -

where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)12:49 - Two B-17 went
out near Drummer Lake

One had 1 in tail - other letter not seen
Both went into spin - 6 chutes seen from 1 ship
none from other as it spun down. Behave from
our group alt 22000.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

5:21 52035 N
09040 E Low
altitude with between
10 + 50 planes on
ground - large ones.

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

none

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Sping in his
door - one target
and rate back OK

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

13:00 - 52032'N 09040'E alt 22000
3 jets dropped out of lead group under
attack by fighters - no chutes seen.

13:07 - 52032'N 09044'E one
B-17 from lead group dropped out
no chutes seen - alt 22000.

52038'N 11010'E one B-17 out
of lead dropped out at 13:18 no chutes

13:30 - just before Magdetung
alt 22000 - 2 jets dropped out and
were of lead group and were seen
straggling.

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME

MFA

15:24 - 52035N 09025E alt 17000 - one B-24
turned over on back and dropped to ground - no

C. B. HARPER

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 350 A/C NO. 074 LTR. BOMB LOAD 30000 DATE 8/3/44

Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name _____

Rank

Name _____

	X									Lt. C.E. Harper	P	T/Sgt C.F. Luquet	TT
	X												
		X								Lt. R.S. Flanigan	CP	S/Sgt A.P. Curlee	BT
		X	(X)										
	X					X				Lt. C.T. Hardiman	N	S/Set W.A. Dobbs	RW
X		X			X		X						
	X					X				Lt. A.E. Cox	B	S/Set J.B. Bowers	LW
X		X			X		X						
			X							T/Set A.E. James	RAD	S/Set A.R. Frank	TG
	X				X								

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 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Equip. (Name)

TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

Yours:

Others:

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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INTERROGATORS NAME

Crew #68

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 351 A/C NO. 412 LTR. BOMB LOAD DATE 8/3/44Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name

Rank

Name

		X			
	X		X		
		X			
	X		X		
X	X		X	X	
	X			X	
X	X	X	X	X	
	X	(X)			
	X		X		

Lt. R.H. Melnick	P	T/Sgt G.E. Madden	PT
Lt. J.F. Leirich	CP	S/Sgt R.M. Myers	BT
Lt. S.E. Krangler	N	S/Sgt H.W. Johnson	RF
Lt. M. Greenberg	B	S/Sgt E.I. Morgan	LW
S/Sgt J.G. Kelley	RADS	Sgt R.D. Abney	TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
 Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) Failure of Protective Eqp. (Name)

TARGET BOMBED

(name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type

Results observed

On target

30 - Incend
10 - GP

Yours:

TIME 1438

PLACE Primary

Jettisoned

ALT 23000

Br't back

MH 135

Others:

Un'Act For

If target not
bombed - why?If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

*Some Group ahead bombed and
 terrific flame and flashes. Dam
 good hit*

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

100 SE 47E

(No. E/F Seen)

FW 190. ME109. 210 410 Trainer

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:

(Place-time-altitude)

(Duration - Intensity)

*(Came in like fighter support and then
 attached group averaged about 30 planes.
 1256 (number) about 26. - saw some B17
 down and some chutes.*

Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:

*From them to the target we fought them.
 B17 - No 2 ship lead element lead again
 1251 - B17 pulling out from 11 o'clock 4
 chutes near Berenburg.
 Chapman also pulled out - he was
 attacked by 3 fighters.*

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

*We were in circles and heard 4 distress calls after
⑤ them over our but saw none.*

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

*Cellé at 1523 - airport with plenty of planes on it and looked
like a shipboard. Planes were taking off.
ME 110 were using rockets.
Smoke was visible from target area after reaching
Cellé within 100 miles.*

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

*Seemed like Magdeburg had a smoke screen up
30 missions is all wrong - exact. If they are going to run mission
they should double tough mission like Regensburg did).*

FIGHTER SUPPORT

*Seems like there is one place the E/A get heavy
support to Diepolitz to target fighter support poor.*

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

*Seemed to be same place as the other
day.*

THIS SHIP ~~(WAS)~~ (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATOR'S NAME

Bauman

Grew #57

INTERROGATION FORM

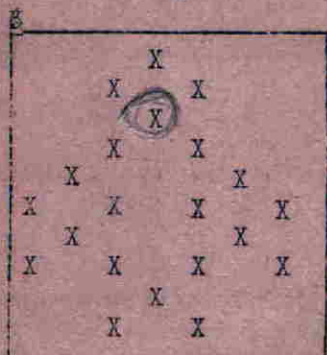
GROUP 100 SQD 350 A/C NO. 830 LTR. BOMB LOAD 3000 DATE 8/3/44Position in formation
(at target)

Rank

Name

Rank

Name



Lt. G.H. Gough

P

T/S W.J. Myers

TT

Lt. T.H. Mullen

CP

S/Sgt C.F. Schuster

BT

Lt. J.A. Young

N

S/Sgt J.E. Trout

RW

Lt. J.A. CARTY

B

S/Sgt J.W. Domenig

LW

T/Sgt L.P. Faltrineri

RADS

Sgt R.T. Graham

TG

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)Illness or disability (Name) NoneFailure of Protective Eqp. (Name) TARGET BOMBED
(name)

No. & Size

Bcmo Type

Results observed

On target

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

If target not
bombed - why?If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

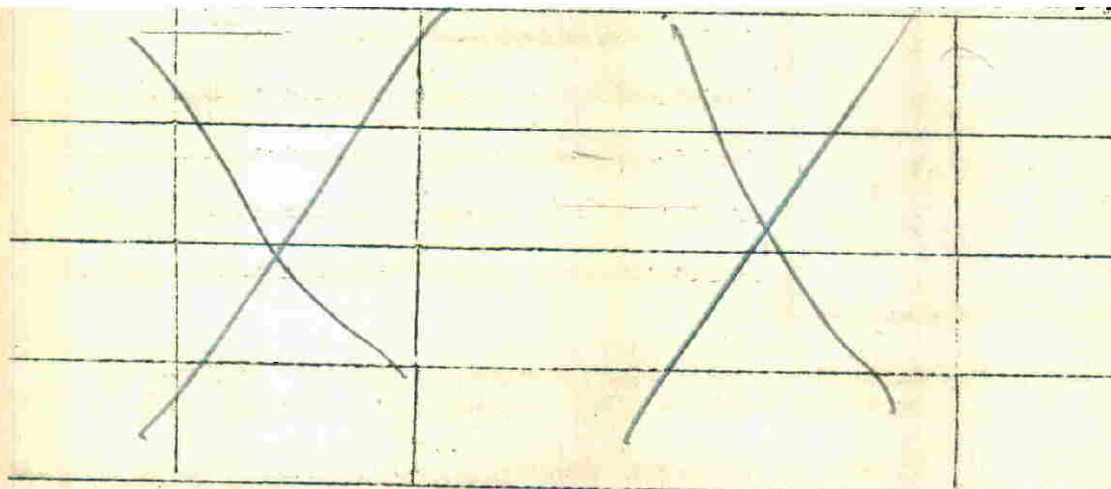
(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/F Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

no saw at 12 B-17s go down
low (too far back over target).
no chute

One saw at 12 B-17s go down
from 45th W wing.

about 7 or 8 B-17s went down
behind. No one saw more than 3 chutes
out of any ship, with the chutes seemed low in
proportion to planes involved.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Berlin flash dispersed + mostly inaccurate:

1st Early - reported at 52°27' - 07°56' airfield, covered with bomb craters.
Also, at 52°34' - 10°31'E, airfield with at least 30 fighters on it -
mostly single engine. at low or turn engine.
Airfields with flash guns: (52°27' - 07°56' - at 1240), (52°43' - 08°16' E - at 1640)
(52°26' - 07°57' E at 1643).

CREW SUGGESTIONS

Wanted smoke gun instead of PKs.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

None on way in, after first group had left.
Excellent over target & on way out. Wanted gunners prefer
open windows - say that closed was restrictive traverse.

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP ~~(was)~~ (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED None

NO. E/A DAMAGED, None

INTERROGATORS NAME

Brasfeld

INTERROGATION FOR

7 BALLO

Rank

Name _____

Rank

Name _____

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A diagram of a 10x10 grid of 'X' marks representing a 100-point test. One 'X' in the bottom row, fourth column from the left, is circled.

Lt. R.V.E. Monrad	P	T/Sgt H.A. Smallwood	TT
Lt. J. Goodbread	CP	S/Sgt. C.I. Anglin	PT
Lt. T.R. Kizak	N	S/Sgt J.M. Delaney	RM
T/Sgt D.C. Bennett	B	S/Sgt L.G. Johnson	LM
T/Sgt H.A. Bonn	RADS	Sgt J. Rupnick	TC

Illness or disability (Name)

Failure of Protective Equip. (Name)

No. & Size

Всего Тупе

Results observed

On target

30 x 100 GP.
10 x 100 GP.

TIME 1437
Yours: PLACE Primary
ALT 23100
MH 2-12

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

Black smoke and fire in target area
saw a terrific flame like a tremendous
explosion

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

75 to 100 $S/E + T/E$

(No. E/S Seen)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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(1242) airborne B17. peeled off and only one
(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)
also should come out. - don't know reason why
as no enemy action present. - 95th Inf.
U-88, ME 410, ME 109, FW 109, Trainers
(Numbers and Types)

(1257) 3E/A. 3 miles north of Ktenbrecken
2 P47 were on their tail.
(They followed right along far as
low and one half always around
75 plane.

B17 went down at (259) - 7 miles North of Horrover. Came from back up off to the left. Probably 95.

(1202) at a bearing of 88° a B17 from
390 burning Holland as.

1335 - T/E. + 5/E. flights knocked down 2 B17
and possibly two more. All thought to be from 95
no doubt.

(135) *✓* The migration thought he got one for 190
 (2nd yr) Summer thought he got one 1910
 1911 (1st yr) had and:

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

Coming back ~~two~~ ^{one} P-38 with engine feathered at 1558
(5240-0643) ~~It~~ slid in and ~~stuck~~ with us.
1600 - (5231-0628) a P-38 one engine feathered slid in with us.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

1600 (5231-0628) a P47 blew up a locomotive strafing.
approx 1437 after bombs away in target area flash from
ground left a long trail of smoke as a rocket and burst and
then threw smaller burst all over. Also terrific red bursts were
seen.

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

We have a ration after a mission - should serve better
food - Johnson.

Frank says should be served a mission Pilot

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Twists front over and you can't see - TT gunner

O/K

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WES) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / ~~SERIOUSLY~~ DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 2

NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0

INTERROGATORS NAME

J. Bauman

INTERROGATION FORM

Position in formation
(at target)

Name _____

		X								LT. Col.Bennett	P	TT
		X		X								
			X								CP	BT
		X		X					Capt. Bull	N		RW
X	X			X		X			Lt. Stapleton	B		LW
	X				X							
X		X		X		X				RAD		TG
			X									
		X		X								

Failure of Protective Eqp. (Name) _____

Results observed

P.T. Bombed

On target _____

Jettisoned _____

Br't back _____

Un! Act For _____

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning;
reason, time, altitude

Yours: In S.E. corner
of target area

Others: Target will
hit before 100-4
Bombed
B-24's Bombs seemed
to be in right area E. of the
target.

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

30-50 mostly S/E Skys - about 10 ME210s
(No. E/E Seen) (Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

① - 1251 - (52°28'N - 07°55') B17 - from lead group of 45
C/W - peeled out -
- first Green - Green flare - seen OK - but 3 chutes
seen -
② - 1302 - B17 from 4TH C/W N. of Han-
over - went straight down out of
control - no chutes.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

③ - 1310 - (52°36' - 10°14') B17 from 45 C/W -
peeled out & down - wheels down - E/A circling him
no chutes -
④ - 1524 - 52 37 - 09 55

CREW SUGGESTIONS

B24 - hit by fighters - caught on fire & went
down in an inverted flat spin - no chutes seen.

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Fair air battle in - excellent
on Route out -

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED _____

NO. E/A DAMAGED. _____

INTERROGATORS NAME

Mackay -

INTERROGATION FORM

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Rank

Name _____

Rank

Name _____

Lt. J.P. Gibbons	P	T/Sgt I.L. Arnold	TT
Lt. R. Dykeman	CP	S/Sgt B.L. Spragg	BT
Lt. M.N. Johnson	N	S/Sgt M.J. Ettus	RW
Lt. M.M. Cain	B	S/Sgt F.W. Buschmeier	LW
T/Sgt R.D. Longworth	RADS	Sgt A.W. Bunting	TC

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqp. (Name) _____

No. & Size

Scmb Type

Results observed

On target 50 X 75

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

Yours:

Others:

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

(No. E/S Seen)

(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude
(Duration - Intensity

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -

where down - chutes - any unusual occurrences of interest - your altitude)

① - 1408 - (about 22 minutes before Bombs away - (22000)

"V" call after - fell back out of its group which was flying behind - to the right of 100th - Attained by

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

3 Mc-109s -

⑩ chutes seen -

ship crashed -

② 1459 - 52°40' - 1125' - B17 - #2 in low group of Bombs on Right - fell out with #4 engine feathered - Holed for clouds under control - 25/43 attacking

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

① - B17 - J #1134 with a small "G" - kept circling - under lead squadron of 100th Gp - & forced our ship out of formation - all the way home

FIGHTER SUPPORT

Some 2/4 way in. but perfect cover on Route out

③ 1556 - 52°36' - 0650' - P47 shot down at

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

FW 190 - German pilot failed out

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 1NO. E/A DAMAGED. 1

INTERROGATORS NAME

N. A. Cressy -

INTERROGATION FOR:

10/12/20

Rank

Name _____

Rank

Name _____

Lt. J.F. Massol	P	T/Sgt E. Seigel	TT
Lt. H.D. Granger	CP	S/Sgt W.C. Williams	BT
Lt. E.C. King	N	S/Sgt W.L. Rensau	RW
Lt. A.E. Stern	B	S/Sgt Q.N. McCartney	LW
T/Sgt A.J. Spengler	RAD	S/Sgt N.E. Garmon	TG

Illness or disability (Name) _____

Failure of Protective Eqp. (Name)

No. & Size

Bomb Type	Location	Time	Remarks
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Results observed

P.T.
On target 10 x 100 : 30 seconds Entire target
Jettisoned _____ Yours: area covered
'Br't back _____ with black tape
Un'Act For _____ Others: _____

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

Between 80-100 (7019) + 20109 = 1/2 an

(No. E/E Seen)	(Numbers and Types)

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)
(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our countermeasures:

Air to Air bombing-
any unusual weapons

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FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

FIGHTER SUPPORT:

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 0

NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0

INTERROGATORS NAME Junior

INTERROGATION FORM

25/1/90

Name _____

Lt. R.J. Shoens	P	T/Sgt W. Bresnan	TT
Lt. D.R. Shand	CP	S/Sgt E.R. Silverstone	BT
Lt. G. Hudson	N	S/Sgt V.H. Warders	HW
S/Sgt C.F. Coulam	B	S/Sgt T.W. Wright	LE
T/Sgt D.B. Hammond	RADS	Sgt D.L. Blair	TC

Failure of Protective Eqp. (Name)

(name)

Bcm's Type

Results observed

On target

No. & Size	Bomb Type
10 X 100 G.P.	
30 X 100 incendiary	

Yours:

Bomb hit in
target - it
was already
smoking.
Results

Jettisoned

Br't back

Un'Act For

If target not
bombed - why?

If returned early
point of turning,
reason, time, altitude

ARMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

100 -

ME 109 + FW-190s. 1 Nov 88

Special markings and colors:
(Not previously reported)

Description of attack:
(Place-time-altitude)

(Duration - Intensity)

Enemy tactics and our
countermeasures:

Air to Air Bombing
any unusual weapons

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any dump - 3 chutes came
out - 1/301 - no reason
5230-0915

4. 3 chutes noted at Lingen - 1550

Flab - Could have come from Diepholtz

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -

where down - chutes - any unusual

occurrences of interest - your altitude)

St. Chapman feathered
on engine. They
unfeathered - 3 fighters
after him. 5 fighters
before I.P. Last time Chapman was
seen. Still under control, however.

OBSERVATIONS OF CREW

Saw a P-38 blow up a
locomotive - 4-P-38 - Before Zunder
Zee 1603 - Meppel - Zwolle. Smoke
screens out at Hanover - Brunswick
a/f near Brunswick - 30 ships on ground

CREW'S SUGGESTIONS

3 were taxi - very well camouflaged
(~~5230-0915~~) - Forest with buildings.
1. Less than 25 - or more fighters
2. Flab suits for T&G are poor. Could not get
off at Lingen. No fighter support after
Zunder Zee.

A. Shoens wants a Pass + Crew

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

new flab suits are available if they
would issue them.

THIS SHIP (WAS) (WAS NOT) SERIOUSLY / SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (E/A).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 1

NO. E/A DAMAGED.

INTERROGATORS NAME

L.W. Sheets

Crew #76

V. E. HARPER

INTERROGATION FORM

GROUP 100 SQD 418 A/C NO. 895 LTR. BOMB LOAD 30X100 DATE 8/3/44

Position in formation (at target)	Rank	Name	Rank	Name
X	Lt.	J.C. Harper	P	T/Sgt W.S. Carter
X	Lt.	T.L. Hulsey	CP	S/Sgt J.B. Kyrce
X	Lt.	C.C. Cowing	N	S/Sgt F. Radstanski
X	Lt.	W.A. Naegle	B	S/Sgt K.C. Helwing
X	T/Sgt	R.E. Hudson	RADS/Sgt	J.L. Mauk

CASUALTIES - Designate on above list by following symbols: Killed - (K)
Seriously Wounded - (SW); Wounded - (W); Missing - (O)

Illness or disability (Name) None

Failure of Protective Eqpt. (Name) None

TARGET BOMBED

(name) No. & Size Bomb Type Results observed
On target 30X100 - 47 incendiary
10X100 - GP Yours: on target
Jettisoned
Brt back
Un'Act For
Others: also on target.
Target also hit by
wing ahead.

If target not bombed - why?

If returned early point of turning, reason, time, altitude

ENEMY FIGHTER OPPOSITION

(Separate Encounter for Each Combat)

100 - 25 ME 109 70 FW 190 5- 110
(No. E/F Seen) (Numbers and Types)
Special markings and colors: FW? red nose - black n dark
(Not previously reported) purple on top with white underneath
Description of attack: One attack by 5 ME 109 F at 12:48
(Place-time-altitude) 52° 36' N 08° 50' E alt 22,000' 6"
(Duration - Intensity) E/A attacked group ahead first then
Enemy tactics and our countermeasures: diving wide to left and high then
about 1000 yds out turned in and
Air to Air bombing - leveled out at 800 yds passing, one was shot.
any unusual weapons
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Definitely saw 7 B-17 and 1 B-24
plus 7 F/A fighters shot down

FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT LOST OR IN DISTRESS

(Group and A/C No. - Condition -
where down - chutes - any unusual
occurrences of interest - your altitude)

S/Sgt J. L. Maak - 1 B-17
left 2nd element high
sq at approximately 12:40 - at approximately
Dummer Lake alt 22000 - at 13:06 alt 22000
at 52°36'N 100°45'E
OBSERVATIONS OF CREW - Saw FW 190 shot down by high group of
45th Wing.

In vicinity of Dummer Lake 12:40
ground rockets were shot up which left a
trail of smoke behind them - burst with black
smoke like flak and then red flares came
out - Think 5 flares about
size of very pistol flares.

CREW SUGGESTIONS

none

FIGHTER SUPPORT

seemed piss
soon going in
coming out fine.

Saw one fighter with non-retract-
able landing gear, or landing gear
down attacking formation at 13:52
52°15'N 120°28'E approx alt 22000

INTERROGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

THIS SHIP (WAS) (~~WAS NOT~~) ~~SERIOUSLY~~ SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY (AA) (~~E/A~~).

NO. E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED 1

NO. E/A DAMAGED. 0

in guns to help keep
them in balance.

S/Sgt Kync

INTERROGATORS NAME

MBA

crew suggestions - Ball turret range peddle inter-
feres with knee action - want it changed if possible
S/Sgt Maak - Tail turret guns off balance - want change

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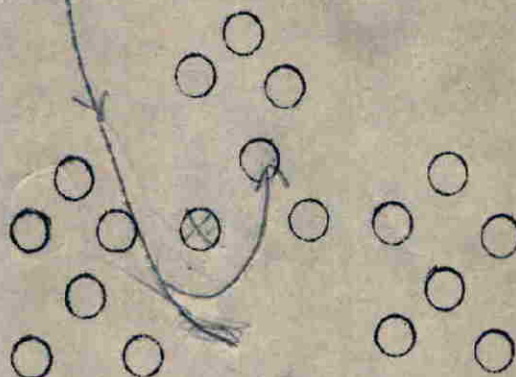
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GROUP 100 SQN. 350 A/C 968 DATE 8/3/41WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE Near Brunswick HEIGHT 22000 TIME 1342

Our Heading 120°
 Type of E/A ME110
 Clock Pos. 11
 Attack Level Level

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MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

1 ME110 + 3 ME109s
 altered a long ahead of us a little high - they came in in
 trail - ME110 passed under our left wing about 400 yards
 out - As soon as this A/C cleared the long ahead of us -
 I started to fire - A/C was 600 yards away then - I contin-
 ued to fire until E/A passed under our horizontal stabilizer -
 I then turned my attention to the 3 ME109s - & saw no
 damage done to the 110.

Navigator: Saw the 110 when it came around to the
 front of the ship - smoke was coming from smoke in the
 fuselage - it was going down - apparently under control in
 a glide

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: B.T. Position B.T.Other gun positions firing on the same E/A: Sgt B.L. SPRACE BernardOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. None

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

LT EM JOHNSON A/C No. 968 Position in A/C N-

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR Macksey Time _____

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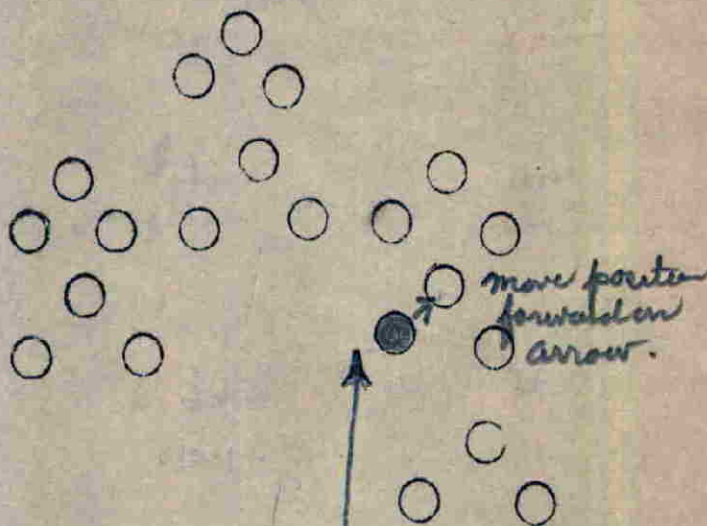
COMBAT REPORT

GROUP 100 SQN. 351 A/C 066 DATE 8/3/44WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE 40 min off target HEIGHT 23100 TIME 1351

Our Heading 118°
 Type of E/A ME 109
 Clock Pos. 730
 Attack Level Low

MARK E/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

E/A. was coming in low and alongside of our ship. He slowed down for some reason or other and I started firing. I saw my incendiaries hit and he started smoking. He pulled off and pilot bailed out and plane went down in a dive.

Above confirmed by and seen by B.T. Sumner and Tail Sumner.

Loren S.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: Sgt J.C. Johnson Position LWOther gun positions firing on the same E/A NONEOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. NONE

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

Sgt. CL ENCLIN A/C No. 066 Position in A/C BTSgt J. RUPNICK A/C No. 066 Position in A/C TC

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR

John Bauman

Time 1915

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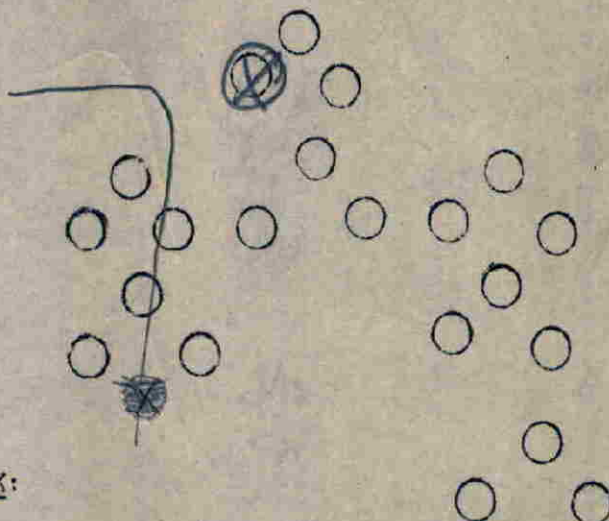
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COMBAT REPORT

GROUP 100 SQN. 349 A/C 710 DATE 8-3-44WHERE ATTACK 520 38' N
TOOK PLACE 10° 10' EHEIGHT 22000 TIME 14:14

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

Our Heading 850TType of E/A FW190Clock Pos. 8Attack Level levelDO NOT
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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

An FW190 came in through group ahead then swung out at 8 o'clock. I started firing when E/A was about 800 yds out as E/A turned and went straight away from plane flying level. E/A left wing caught on fire and plane began smoking very heavily and E/A went down in long glide. Remained attached prevented further observation.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: Wm E. Moreland Position LWOther gun positions firing on the same E/A noneOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. ?

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

Sgt C. B. Dmahue A/C No. 710 Position in A/C RW

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR ABA

Time _____

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COMBAT REPORT

GROUP 100 SQN. 418 A/C 504 DATE 8/8/44

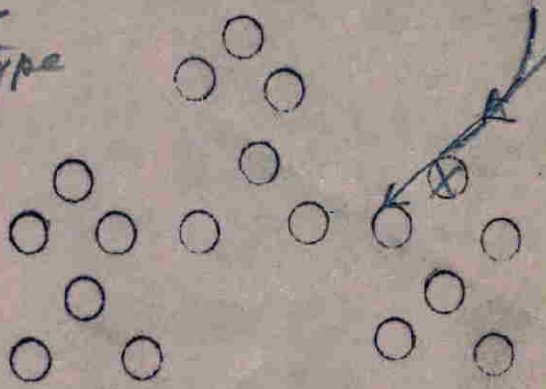
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TOOK PLACE 5208-1200 HEIGHT 23,000' TIME 1340

Our Heading 120° True
 Type of E/A FW 190 - new type
 Clock Pos. 1 o'clock
 Attack Level High-to-low

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

Bomber.

First saw E/A out over 1,000 yds. E/A was attacking low Sq. Started shooting at him at 7 to 800 yds. in short bursts - E/A stayed at this distance for a short time, parallel to our A/C. I saw E/A shudder as though it was hit & called him out to BT.

BT

as BT saw E/A when passing under our A/C, it turned over on its back & pilot bailed out on black chute.

CliffordGunner responsible for E/A damage: Lt. C. J. Milburn Position Bomb.Other gun positions firing on the same E/A noneOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. none

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

3/Lt. R. H. Robinson A/C No. 504 Position in A/C BT.3/Lt. M. J. Sheldon A/C No. 504 Position in A/C LW

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

Capt. McCallum

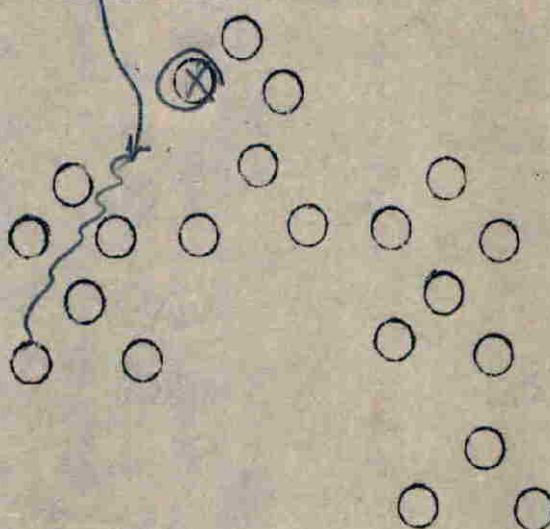
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COMBAT REPORT

GROUP 100 SQN. 349 A/C 710 DATE 8-3-44WHERE ATTACK 52°38'N
TOOK PLACE 110°14'EHEIGHT 22000 TIME 14:16Our Heading 250TType of E/A FW190Clock Pos. 10-7Attack Level LevelDO NOT
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MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

An FW190 - Picked up F.W. 190 at 10 o'clock position going down and underneath kept firing at him until about the 7 o'clock position then saw smoke trailing from him and then flame as he went straight down after turning over once.

Charles J. Hopkins

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: Sgt C. J. Hopkins Position BT.Other gun positions firing on the same E/A noneOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. ?

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

Sgt C. G. Davis A/C No. 710 Position in A/C TG.

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR MBA

Time _____

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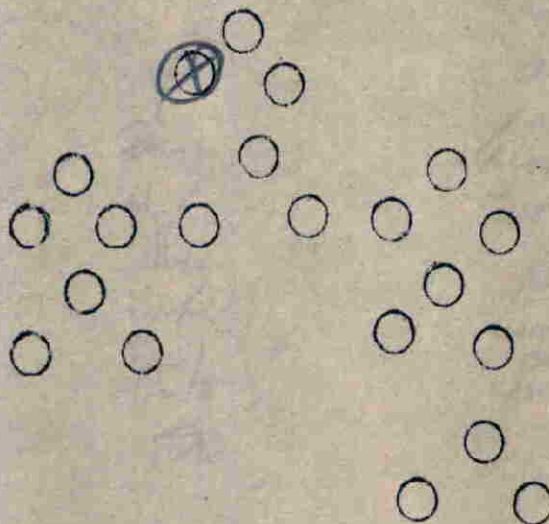
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GROUP 100 SQN. 349 A/C 710 DATE 8-3-44WHERE ATTACK 520 38' N
TOOK PLACE 710 00' E HEIGHT 22000 TIME 13:15

Our Heading	<u>250</u>
Type of E/A	<u>ME 110</u>
Clock Pos.	<u>3 to 9</u>
Attack Level	<u>level to low</u>

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

ME 110 made an attack on group ahead then passed from right to left in front of me losing altitude. I started shooting at about 700 yards with flitfle gun as soon as he came in sight and followed him around when E/A was straight in front of me it caught fire then began to smoke and blaze. He passed out of my vision at 9:30 blazing and was not seen again.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: LT. J. T. Johnson Position NAV.Other gun positions firing on the same E/A: none John T.Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. ?

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

Sgt C. G. Davis A/C No. 710 Position in A/C TG.
S/Sgt C. J. Hopkins A/C No. 710 Position in A/C BT
S/Sgt J. L. Craven A/C No. 710 Position in A/C Bomb

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR

MBA

Time

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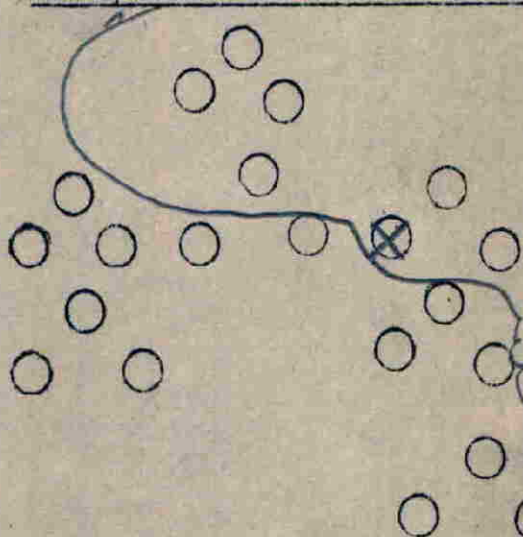
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COMBAT REPORT

GROUP 100 SQN. 418 A/C 895 DATE 8-3-44WHERE ATTACK 52° 36' N
TOOK PLACE 080° 50' E HEIGHT 22000 TIME 12:48Our Heading 93° mType of E/A ME109FClock Pos. 10:30Attack Level high to low

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

An ME109F made an attack together with 5 other ME on a group high to the left of us at 10:30 to 11:00 o'clock low. The came below us as I heard the co-pilot call an attack. As I swung to 10:30 he was low at about 800 yds. I gave him 3 bursts of about 15 rounds. A few seconds later he started smoking and went into a spin. I reported to the navigator on position. About 30 sec. later saw chute.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: Sgt J.B. Kyrc Position BTOther gun positions firing on the same E/A: Joseph B KYRE

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. _____

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

LT. J. C. Harper A/C No. 895 Position in A/C PLT. T. L. Hulsey A/C No. 895 Position in A/C CPSgt J. L. Mark A/C No. 895 Position in A/C TG

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR _____ Time _____

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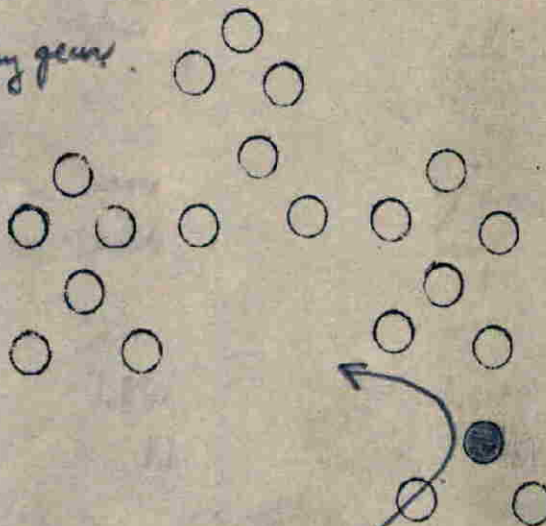
GROUP 100 SQN. 351 A/C 412 DATE 8/3/44WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE Barnburg HEIGHT 23000 TIME 1251Our Heading 90°Type of E/A. Had fuel landing gearClock Pos. 900Attack Level low

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

E/A came in around 800 o'clock and pulled away to the left. When he was about 600 yds from us on about same heading I gave him two long bursts and he moved over and went into a spin smoking. A chute came out.

BT. I saw a chute come out and plane in a spin smoking.
T.G. I saw the plane go down in a spin smoking.

Edin J. Morgan

Cunner responsible for E/A damage: Sgt E. Morgan Position LWOther gun positions firing on the same E/A None.Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. None

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

S/SGT R.M. MYERS A/C No. 412 Position in A/C BTS/SGT R.P. ABNEY A/C No. 412 Position in A/C TG

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR Bauman Time 1945

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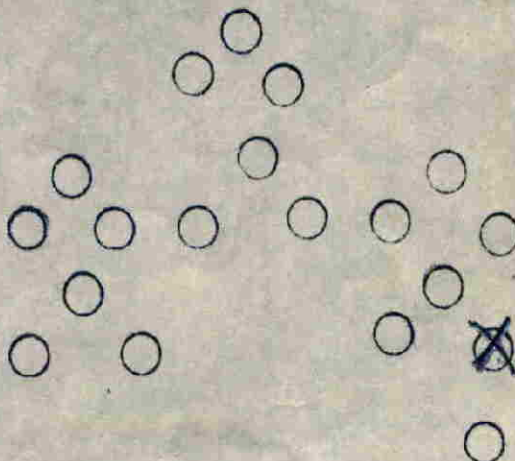
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GROUP 100 SON 357 A/C 936 DATE 8/3/44
 WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE 52 35-0950 HEIGHT 22,900 TIME 1326

Our Heading 060°
 Type of E/A FW 190
 Clock Pos. 7-8 o'clock
 Attack Level low

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

1. 4 to 5 FW 190 came into formation twice. on second time 1 FW 190 slipped under last ~~element~~ element (last element was high above) came in at 7-8 o'clock - started firing at 700 yds; came in until 300 yds. Smoke was coming at this time ^{from engine} and then went into a line downward.
2. ~~1 fighter~~ This fighter was seen going down with smoke + flames from engine.
3. Ship came in 7 o'clock - seen smoke come from plane + threw up large puff of smoke as he pulled off.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: S/Sgt W. W. Wright Position LWOther gun positions firing on the same E/A None

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. _____

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

→ S/Sgt E. R. Silverstone A/C No. 936 Position in A/C BT→ S/Sgt D. L. Blair A/C No. 936 Position in A/C TG_____
A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator: this E/A was seen by other
g/c to go down - but was not fired
by any others.

INTERROGATOR L. W. Sheets Time _____

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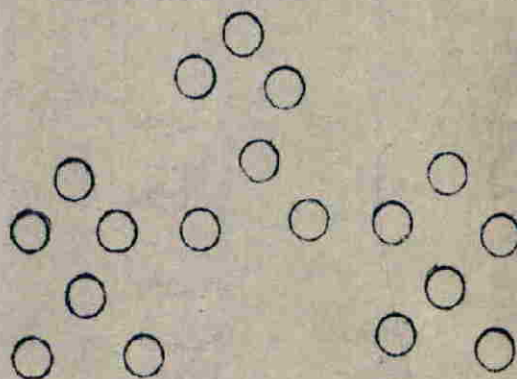
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COMBAT REPORT

4 BN A-2. 6(1-8-43)

GROUP 100 SQN. 357 A/C 018 DATE 8-3-44WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE 6 Mi. N. of Hanover HEIGHT 73600 TIME 1303Our Heading 90°Type of E/A FW190Clock Pos. 1200Attack Level High

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

Single attack on ~~this~~ ^{our} ship. Came in from high head on. "Pepper Spray" attack. Started firing at 800 yds. Came on to about 400 yards. Reeled off to ~~left~~ right - was smoking - left wing gunner saw this also - no smoke seen. This EA did not fire any shots during attack. Was silver color. Did not see it explode. Verified by crew members as definitely hit by TT.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: Sgt J. R. Russell Position TTOther gun positions firing on the same E/A: BombardierOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. None

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

Lt. E. R. Williams A/C No. 018 Position in A/C PilotLt. N. J. High A/C No. 018 Position in A/C RSgt. E. J. Sullivan A/C No. 018 Position in A/C LWSgt. V. J. Wood " 018 Rad

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR [Signature]Time 1700

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GROUP 100 SQN. 418 A/C 504 DATE 8/9/44

WHERE ATTACK

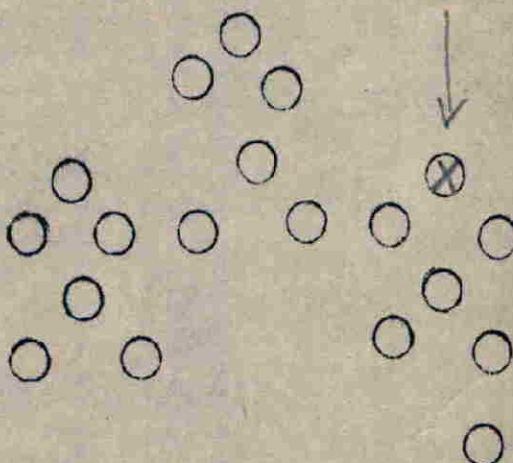
TOOK PLACE

DESSAUHEIGHT 22,000'

TIME

1948'2Our Heading 120° TrueType of E/A FW190Clock Pos. 12 o'clockAttack Level High to Low

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

1st saw E/A as it came thru hp. ahead. Opened fire when E/A was 900 yds. out & fired in long bursts to 500 yds. E/A pulled up on one wing, shuddered & pilot bailed out.

*James C.*Gunner responsible for E/A damage: 1st Lt. C.C. Hall Position TTOther gun positions firing on the same E/A UnknownOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. Probably for hp. ahead

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR

Capt. McCallister Time _____

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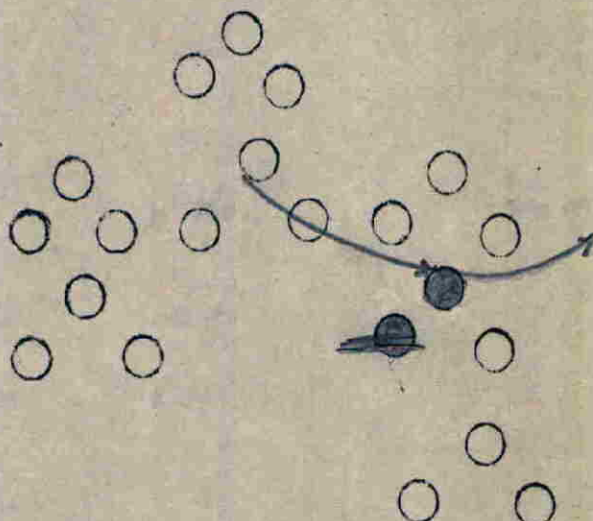
COMBAT REPORT

GROUP 100 SQN. 3ST A/C 066 DATE 8/3/44WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE (5222-1157) HEIGHT 23100 TIME 1335

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

Our Heading	<u>132</u>
Type of E/A	<u>FW 190</u>
Clock Pos.	<u>1130</u>
Attack Level	<u>HIGH</u>

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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK: -

E/A came from group on left. and I got my first burst when he was just right of fuselage. As he came on down I gave him a second burst his right wing tip fell off (about 4 or 5 ft of wing) He flopped really funny and was in a spin in a vertical dive.

Bombardier - I saw him going down with fire on his back and then disintegrated.

Co Pilot - I saw quite a few pieces fall off ship.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: Lt. T.R. KIZAK Position NAVIGATOR

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A NONE

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. NONE

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

Lt. J. GOODBREAD A/C No. 066 Position in A/C C.P.

T/SGT DC BENNETT A/C No. 066 Position in A/C Bomb

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR

Jack Bauman Time 1915

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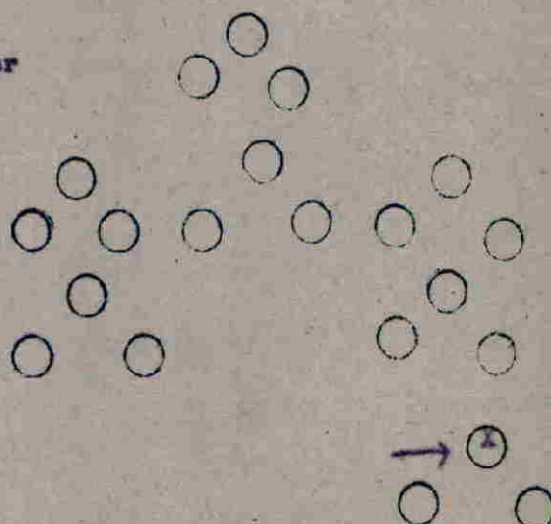
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GROUP 100SQN. 351A/C 412DATE 8/5/44WHERE ATTACK
TOOK PLACEBarenburgHEIGHT 23,000TIME 1251Our Heading 90°Type of E/A? Fixed landing gearClock Pos. 9 o'clockAttack Level Low

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

E/A came in at 9 o'clock and broke away to the left. As he turned parallel to our heading I gave him two long bursts and he nosed over and went down smoking in a spin. A chute came out. BTQ saw a chute come out and saw E/A going down in a spin smoking. TG saw a plane go down in a spin smoking.

EVALUATED
DESTROYED

A-2 3rd S. D.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: S/Sgt. R. I. Morgan Position LWOther gun positions firing on the same E/A NoneOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. None

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

S/Sgt. R. M. MyersA/C No. 412 Position in A/C BTS/Sgt. R. P. AbneyA/C No. 412 Position in A/C TG

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR Lt. Jack BaumanDate 1945

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GROUP **100**SQN. **350**A/C **968**DATE **8-3-44**

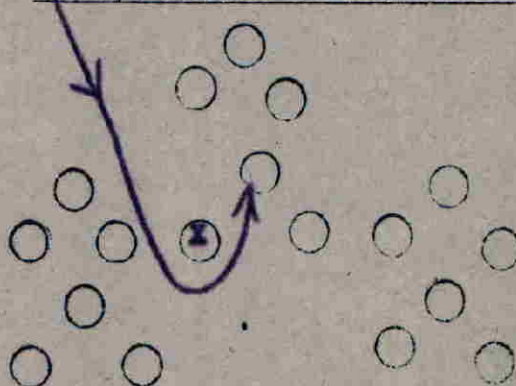
WHERE ATTACK

TOOK PLACE **Near Brunswick**HEIGHT **22,000**TIME **1342**

Our Heading	120°
Type of E/A	ME 110
Clock Pos.	11
Attack Level	level

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MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

1 ME 110 and 3 ME 109's attacked a group ahead of us a little high. They came in in trail. ME 110 passed under our left wing about 400 yards out. As soon as this A/C cleared the group ahead of us I started to fire, A/C was 600 yards away then. I continued to fire until E/A passed under our horizontal stabilizer. I then turned my attention to the 3 ME 109's and saw no damage to the 110. Navigator: I saw the 110 when it came around to the front of the ship. Smoke was coming from somewhere in the fuselage and it was going down, apparently under control in a glide.

EVALUATED DAMAGED A. 2 3rd B. D.
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Gunner responsible for E/A damage: **S/Sgt B. L. Spragg** Position **BT**

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A _____

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. **none**

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

_____**Lt E. H. Johnson**_____
A/C No. **968** Position in A/C **N**_____
A/C No. _____ Position in A/C __________
A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR **Lt Mackesay** Time _____

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GROUP 100

SQN. 349

A/C 710 G

DATE 8-3-44

WHERE ATTACK
TOOK PLACE

5235N 1100E

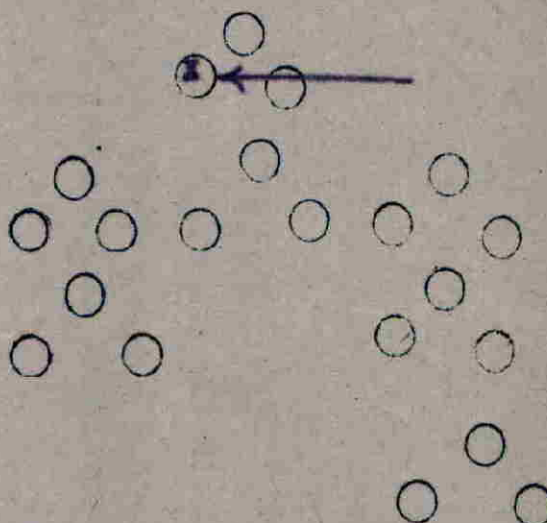
HEIGHT 22,000

TIME 1315

Our Heading 85°
 Type of E/A ME 110
 Clock Pos. 3 to 9
 Attack Level level to low

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MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

ME 110 made an attack on group ahead of us and then passed from right to left in front of me losing altitude. I started shooting at about 700 yards with flexible gun as soon as he came in sight and followed him around. When E/A was straight in front of me it caught fire and then began to smoke and blaze. He passed out of my vision at 09:30 blazing and was not seen again.

EVALUATED
 DESTROYED
 A-2 3rd B. D.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: Lt J. T. Johnson Position NOther gun positions firing on the same E/A none

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. _____

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

<u>Sgt C. G. Davis</u>	A/C No. <u>710</u>	Position in A/C <u>TG</u>
<u>S/Sgt C. J. Hopkins</u>	A/C No. <u>710</u>	Position in A/C <u>BT</u>
<u>S/Sgt J. L. Craven</u>	A/C No. <u>710</u>	Position in A/C <u>B</u>

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR M. B. Arick, Capt., AC Time _____

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GROUP 100SQN. 351A/C 066 GDATE 8/3/44

WHERE HIT OK

TOK PLACE 40 minutes off targetHEIGHT 23,100ft. TIME 1351

Our Heading	<u>1240</u>
Type of E/A	<u>BT 109</u>
Clock Pos.	<u>7:30</u>
Attack Level	<u>Low</u>

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MARK A/U ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

E/A was coming in low and alongside of our ship. He slowed down for some reason and I started firing. I saw my incendiaries hit and he started smoking. He peeled off and pilot bailed out and plane went down in a dive.

Above confirmed by and seen by BT Gunner and TT

EVALUATED DESTROYED A-2 3rd B. D.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: S/Sgt. L. G. Johnson Position LT

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A None

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. None

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

S/Sgt. C. L. Anglin A/C No. 066 Position in A/C BT

S/Sgt. J. Rupnick A/C No. 066 Position in A/C TG

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR Jack Bauman Time 1915

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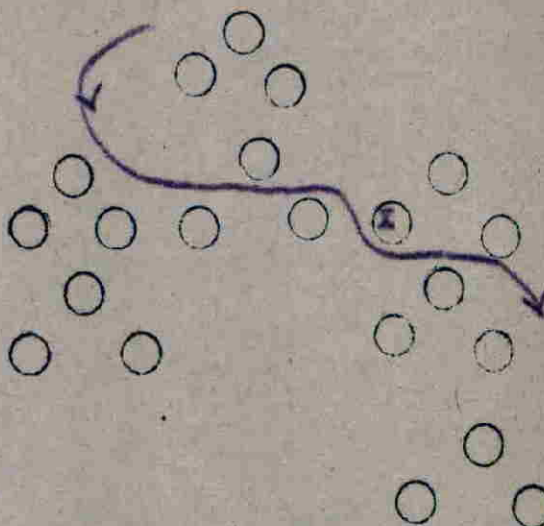
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GROUP 100SQN. 418A/C 895 GDATE 8-3-44

WHERE ATT ACK

TOK PLACE 5236N 0850EHEIGHT 22,000TIME 12:48Our Heading 93°Type of E/A ME 109FClock Pos. 10:30Attack Level high to low

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION.



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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

An Me 109F made an attack together with 5 others on a group high and to the left of us at 10:30 to 11 O'clock low. They came below us as I heard the co-pilot call an attack. As I swung to 10:30 he was low at about 800 yards. I gave him 3 bursts of about 15 rounds each. A few seconds later he started smoking and went into a spin. I reported our position to the navigator. About 30 seconds later I saw chute.

EVALUATED
DESTROYED
A-2 3rd B. D.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: S/Sgt J. B. Kyrc Position BT

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A _____

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. _____

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

Lt. J. C. Harper A/C No. 895 Position in A/C PLt. T. L. Hulsey A/C No. 895 Position in A/C CPS/Sgt J. L. Mauk A/C No. 895 Position in A/C TG

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR

Capt. McCallum

Time _____

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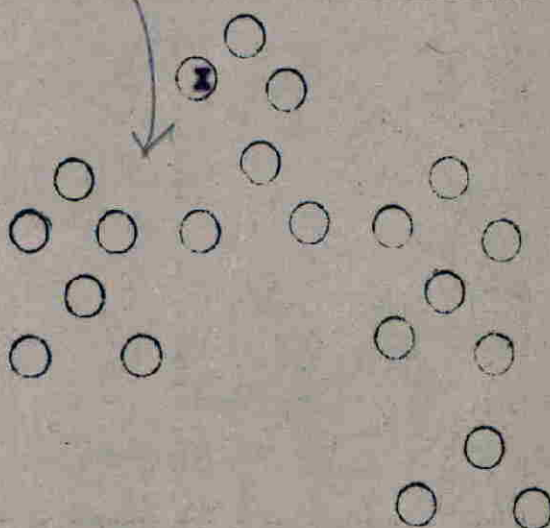
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GROUP 100th SQN. 349 A/C 710 G DATE 8/3/44WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE 5238N-1114E HEIGHT 22,000 ft TIME 1416

Our Heading	<u>85°T</u>
Type of E/A	<u>FW 190</u>
Clock Pos.	<u>10-7</u>
Attack Level	<u>Level</u>

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MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

An FW 190 - Picked up FW 190 at 10 o'clock position going down and underneath - kept firing at him until about the 7 o'clock position; then I saw smoke trailing from him and then flame as he went straight down after turning over once.

EVALUATED
DAMAGED
A. 2 3rd B. D.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: S/Sgt. C. J. Hopkins Position BTOther gun positions firing on the same E/A NoneOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. Unknown

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

S/Sgt. C. G. Davis A/C No. 710 Position in A/C TG

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR MBA Time _____

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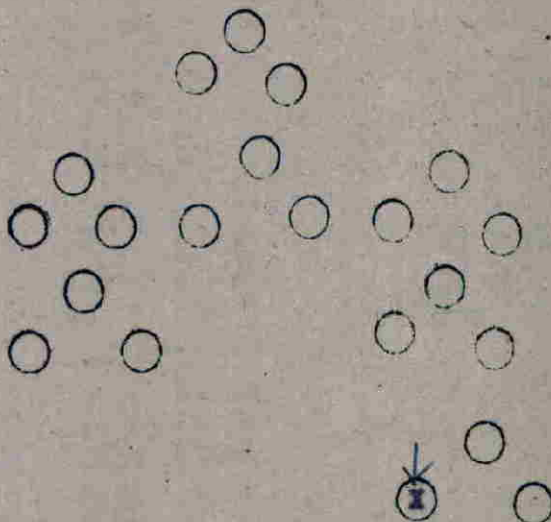
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GROUP 100SEN. 351A/C 018DATE 8/3/44

WHERE ATTACK

TOOK PLACE 6 Miles N. of HanoverHEIGHT 23,600TIME 1303Our Heading 90°Type of E/A FW 190Clock Pos. 12 o'clockAttack Level High

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

There was a single attack on our ship. FW 190 came in high at 12 o'clock--a "pepper-spray" attack. I started firing at 800 yards. He came on in to about 400 yards where he peeled off to the right. E/A was smoking. I saw smoke coming from E/A and other members of crew saw hits on E/A. E/A did not fire on our ship during attack.

EVALUATED
DAMAGED
A-2 3rd B.D.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: S/Sgt. J. P. Pustell Position TTOther gun positions firing on the same E/A BombardierOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. None

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

Lt. E. R. Williams A/C No. 018 Position in A/C PLt. H. T. High A/C No. 018 Position in A/C BSgt. E. J. Sullivan A/C No. 018 Position in A/C LNS/Sgt. V. J. Wood 018 RAD

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR

Capt. E. SchardingTime 1700

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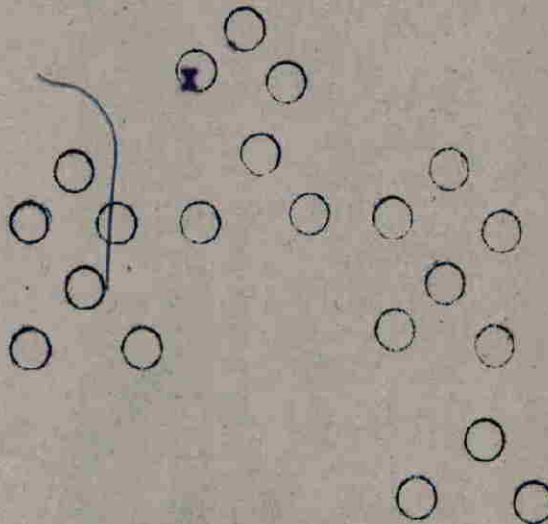
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COMBAT REPORT 26GROUP 100th SON. 349 A/C 710 DATE 8/3/44WHERE AND WHEN
TOOK PLACE 5238N-1110E HEIGHT 22,000 ft. TIME 1414

Our Heading	<u>85°T</u>
Type of E/A	<u>FW 190</u>
Clock Pos.	<u>8 o'clock</u>
Attack Level	<u>level</u>

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

An FW 190 came in through group ahead then swung out at 8 o'clock. I started firing when e/a was about 800 yards out as e/a turned and went straight away from plane fixing flying level. E/A left wing caught on fire and plane began smoking very heavily and e/a went down in long glide. Recurrent attacks prevented further observation.

EVALUATED PROBABLE A-2 3rd B.D.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: S/Sgt. W. E. Moreland Position LNOther gun positions firing on the same E/A NoneOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. Unknown

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

<u>Sgt. C. E. Donahue</u>	A/C No. <u>710</u>	Position in A/C <u>RW</u>
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_____	A/C No. _____	Position in A/C _____
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_____	A/C No. _____	Position in A/C _____
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Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR MBA Time _____

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COMBAT REPORT 25GROUP 100 SQN. 352 A/C 936 G DATE 8/3/44WHERE ATTACK
TOOK PLACE 5235 N 0950 E HEIGHT 22,000 TIME 1326

Our Heading	<u>60°</u>
Type of E/A	<u>FW 190</u>
Clock Pos.	<u>7-8 o'clock</u>
Attack Level	<u>Low</u>

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

Four to five FW 190's came into the formation twice; on second time 1 FW 190 slipped under last element (last element was high above) coming in from 7 to 8 o'clock. I started firing at 700 yards. E/A came in to 300 yards. Smoke was pouring from the engine by this time and he dived suddenly straight down. LTC saw E/A going down with flames and smoke coming from the engine. IG saw large puff of white smoke come from E/A as it peeled off.

EVALUATED PROBABLE A-2 3rd B. D.
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Gunner responsible for E/A damage: S/Sgt. W. H. Wright Position LTOther gun positions firing on the same E/A: None

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. _____

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

S/ Sgt. E. R. Silverstone A/C No. 936 Position in A/C LTS/Sgt. D. L. Blair A/C No. 936 Position in A/C IG

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator: Observers in other A/C saw this E/A go down, but no others were firing on it.INTERROGATOR Lt. L. H. Choate Time _____

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COMBAT REPORT

GROUP 100 SQN. 351 A/C 066 G DATE 8/5/44WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE 5222-1157 E HEIGHT 25,100 TIME 1335

Our Heading	<u>132°</u>
Type of E/A	<u>FW 190</u>
Clock Pos.	<u>1130</u>
Attack Level	<u>High</u>

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MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

E/A came from direction of Group on left and my first bursts struck along the right side of the E/A fuselage. As he closed I fired another burst and four or five feet of his right wing tip fell off. He flopped crazily, fell off spinning vertically. Bombardier saw him spinning down upside down, and the CP saw pieces flying off the ship.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: Lt. Y. R. Kisak Position NOther gun positions firing on the same E/A NoneOther A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. None

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

Lt. J. Goodbread A/C No. 066 Position in A/C CPT/Sgt. D. C. Bennett A/C No. 066 Position in A/C B

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR Lt. Jack Bauman Time 1915

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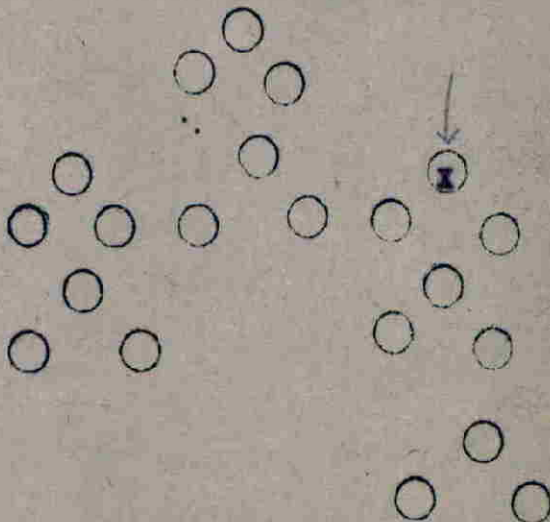
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GROUP 100 SQN. 418th /C 504-G DATE 8/3/44

WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE DESSAU ALTITUDE 22,000 ft. TIME 1348h

Our Heading 120°
Type of E/A FW-190
Clock Pos. 12 o'clock
Attack Level High to Low

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION



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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

First saw E/A as it came through Group ahead. Opened fire when e/a was 900 yards out and fired in long bursts to 500 yards. E/A pulled up on one wing, shuddered and the pilot bailed out.

EVALUATED
DESTROYED
A-2 3rd B. D.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: T/Sgt. C. C. Hall Position TT

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A Unknown

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. Probably from group ahead

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR Capt. Callinan Time _____

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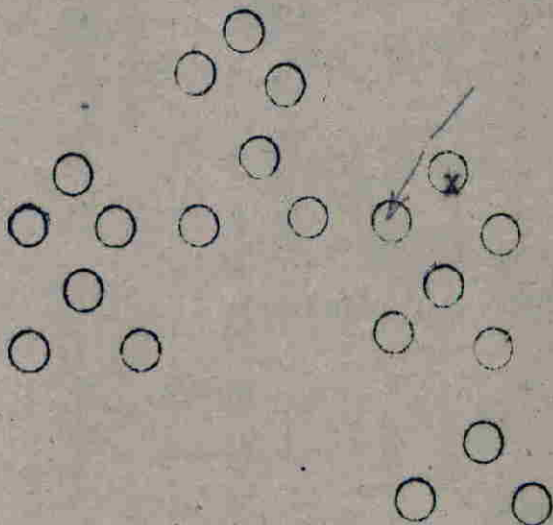
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WHERE AND ON
TAKEN PLACE 5200-1200 HEIGHT 22,000 ft. TIME 1340

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

Our Heading 120°T
Type of E/A FW 190-new type
Clock Pos. 1 o'clock
Attack Level High to low

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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

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Bombardier - First saw E/A ~~xxx~~ over 1,000 yards. E/A was attacking low squadron. I started firing at him at 7 to 800 yards, in short bursts. E/A stayed at this distance for a short time, parallel to our A/C. I saw E/A shudder as though he was hit and called him out to BT.

on
BT - As BT saw E/A when passing under our A/C, it turned over ~~xx~~ its back and pilot bailed out. ~~xx~~ Pilot ~~xxxx~~ used a black chute.

EVALUATED
DESTROYED
A-2 3rd B.D.

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: Lt. C. J. Milburn Position Bombardier

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A None

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. None

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

S/Sgt. R. H. Robinson A/C No. 504 Position in A/C BT

S/Sgt. M. J. Sheldon A/C No. 504 Position in A/C LN

A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR Captain Callinan Date _____

If formation varied widely from standard, show by diagram on back of this sheet.
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HEADQUARTERS
 100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Intelligence Officer

D-L-2

APG 559
 15 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Evaluated Encounter Claims

TO : S-1, 100th Bombardment Group (H), APO 559

1. Submitted herewith are the Individual Combat Claims as evaluated by the 3rd Bomb Division, for the Mission of 6 March, 8 March and the 16th of March. These are late claims.

	NAME	SQUADRON	DESTROYED	PROBABLE	DAMAGED
<i>124</i>	Mission of 6 March:				
	Sgt. Raymond Bryan	350	X		
	S/Sgt. E. Knudson	350	X		
	Sgt. B. J. Devine	418		X	
	S/Sgt. R. E. Bryan	350		X	
	Sgt. G. G. Patterson	418		X	
	S/Sgt. Donald E. Walker	350		X	
	Sgt. Raymond E. Bryan	350			X
<i>126</i>	Mission of 8 March:				
	Lt. T. R. Kizak	351	X		
	Lt. C. J. Milburn	418	X		
<i>130</i>	Mission of 16 March:				
	S/Sgt. H. R. Komble	349	X		

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HEADQUARTERS 3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 634

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19 Marcy 1944

MEMORANDUM)

TO } S-2, 100th Bomb Group

1. Please refer to the mission combat report for 8/3/44, a/c 504, Lt. Milburn.

2. This report indicates a very probable duplication with a report submitted by a/c 953 of the 390th Group of the low squadron with your Group on this mission. Request re-interrogation of the claimants and observers to determine if this a/c was under fire from the nose guns of the 390th A/C. The story of this report requires amplification along the lines suggested by "Check List for Interrogators" supplied by this headquarters.

3. Upon compliance with the above request, the information requested, together with a statement of the conclusions reached, should be forwarded to this headquarters.

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HEADQUARTERS 100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP, APO 634, 23 March 1944

TO: Commanding General, 3rd Bombardment Division, APO 634, Attn: AG of S, A-2

1. Upon interrogation of crew of A/C 504 the following statements were made:

- a. It would not be possible for A/C 504 to see A/C 953 firing because there were no tracers used.
- b. Lt. Milburn states that upon firing E/A shuddered and flew under his ship.
- c. Sgt. Robinson, BTG, states that E/A rolled over and pilot bailed out not more than 200 yards away from A/C and that roll over occurred almost directly underneath A/C.
- d. It was not thought possible that A/C 953 had the angle of fire that A/C 504 had even though E/A seemed to be coming through to low squadron. Also there was a possibility that A/C 953 by

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firing would have hit B-17 flying in front.

For the Commanding Officer:

P. MINER SHAW
Major, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

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APG 634
20 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Evaluated Combat Claims

TO : S-1, 100th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634

1. The following are the evaluated claims from the 3rd Bombardment Division, for the Mission to Berlin, 8 March 1944:

NAME	SQDN.	DESTROYED	PROBABLE	DAMAGED
T/Sgt. C. C. Hall	418th	X		
S/Sgt. W. H. Wright	351st		X	
S/Sgt. W. E. Moreland	349th		X	
S/Sgt. J. R. Russell	351st			X
S/Sgt. C. J. Hopkins	349th			X
S/Sgt. J. E. Kyrce	418th	X		
S/Sgt. L. G. Johnson	351st	X		
Lt. J. T. Johnson	349th	X		
S/Sgt. B. L. Spragg	350th			X
S/Sgt. E. I. Morgan	351st	X		

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HEADQUARTERS
 100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
 Office of the Intelligence Officer

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APO 634
 20 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Evaluated Combat Claims

TO : S-1, 100th Bombardment Group (H), APO 634

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S/Sgt. C. J. Hopkins	349th			X
S/Sgt. J. B. Kyrre	418th	X		
S/Sgt. L. G. Johnson	351st	X		
Lt. J. T. Johnson	349th	X		
S/Sgt. B. L. Spragg	350th			X
S/Sgt. E. I. Morgan	351st	X		

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EVALUATIONS 8 MARCH 1944 RECEIVED FROM ~~XXX~~ 3 RD BOMB DIV FORWARDED
FOR YOU INFORMATION:

95TH GROUP : 6-0-2-0

100 ~~XX~~ TH GROUP : 5-2-3-0

390TH GROUP: 18-2-1-0

385TH GROUP: 1-0-0-0

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HEADQUARTERS 100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), APO 559, 24 March 1944

TO: Commanding General, 3D Bombardment Division, APO 559

Attn: AG of S, A-2

1. Lt. Thomas R. Kizak, who was the claimant in A/C 066 has been transferred to the 12th R. C. D.

2. Upon reinterrogation of witnesses in A/C 066 the following report is submitted:

a. The co-pilot reported that it would not be possible for A/C 783 to fire on E/A with left waist guns as E/A was not coming in at that angle.

b. The bombardier reported that the E/A came through the 95th Group in front and attacked us at an angle not less than 1100 o'clock. When E/A went down it was seen very low at approximately 0200 o'clock.

c. It was also estimated that A/C 783 was at least 2000 yards away and would not have fired on this E/A.

For the Commanding Officer:

F. MINER SHAW
Major, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

HEADQUARTERS 3D BOMBARDMENT DIVISION
APO 634

D-2-11

19 March 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : S-2, 100th Bomb Group

1. Please refer to the mission combat report for 8/3/44, a/c 066, Lt. Kizak.

2. This report indicates a very probable duplication with a report submitted by a/c 783 of the 390th Group flying as #4 ship of the low squadron with your Group on this mission. Request re-interrogation of the claimants and observers to determine if this e/a was under fire from the left waist guns of the 390th a/c. The story of this report requires amplification along the lines suggested by "Check List for Interrogators" supplied by this headquarters.

3. Upon compliance with the above request, the information requested, together with a statement of the conclusions reached, should be forwarded to this headquarters.

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TO TASRESTRICTED 3.B.D. P-54-D ATTN: S-2 ADDITIONAL EVALUATED DESTROYED
E/A FOR MONTH OF MARCH:

DATE	RANK AND NAME	NUMBER DESTROYED
6 MAR	SGT RAYMOND BRYAN S/SGT K KNUDSON	1 1
8 MAR	LT T R KIZAK LT C J MILBURN	1 1
16 MAR	S/SGT H R KEMBLE	1

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OPERATIONAL REPORT - STATISTICAL SECTION

PRIMARY TARGET	ERKNER		TOTAL
1. GROUP WING	100 / 13		
2. A/C AIRBORNE	14 A/c + 1 PFF		
3. A/C DISPATCHED	14 A/c + 1 PFF		
4. A/C ATTACKING	13 A/c + 1 PFF		
5. A/C FAILING TO ATTACK			
a. Mechanical			
b. Weather			
c. Enemy Action			
d. Other			
e. Unknown	1 A/c		
6. A/C LOST	1 A/c		
a. To AA			
b. To e/a			
c. To AA and e/a			
d. To accident			
e. Unknown	1 A/c		
7. TIME OF ATTACK	1437		
8. ALTITUDE OF ATTACK	22 000		
9. BOMBS DROPPED (PRIMARY)	Visual		
a. Number	390	130 + 1 PFF	
b. Size	100	100	
c. Type	EB	GP	
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)			
a. Number			
b. Size			
c. Type			
BOMBS DROPPED (OTHER)			
a. Number			
b. Size			
c. Type			
10. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES	NONE		
a. Killed			
b. Wounded			
c. Missing			
d. Rescued			
11. BATTLE DAMAGE			
a. Minor	3 A/c		
b. Major	2 A/c		
c. Salvage			

12. Claims

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3 BD 3/Bgt. Mullins
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HEADQUARTERS
STATION #139
A.P.O. 634

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8 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Individual Combat Forms

TO : Commanding General, 3rd Bombardment Division, APO 634
Attn: AC of S, A-2

1. Inclosed herewith are twelve (12) Individual Combat Forms, in triplicate, together with one Combat Duplication Form, for the Mission of 8 March 1944.

For the Commanding Officer:

F. MINER SHAW
Major, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer.

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FROM TAS 082152A
TO THE
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CONFIDENTIAL 100BG R-185-D ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

100 BG - OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE - ERKNER - 8 MARCH 1944.

1. LEAFLETS - NONE
2. BOMBING RESULTS - ALL NAVIGATORS AND BOMBARDIERS WERE CERTAIN THAT OUR BOMBS HIT VERY NEAR THE P.T. BUT WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE EXACT SPOT THEY HIT BECAUSE OF SMOKE CAUSED BY THE BOMBING OF ~~EN~~ FORMATIONS THAT BOMBED AHEAD OF US. DENSE SMOKE AND FLAME WAS POURING FROM THE TARGET AT THE TIME OF OUR BOMBING. SOME BOMBARDIERS BELIEVE THAT OUR BOMB PATTERN STARTED ACROSS THE RR TRACK NE OF THE TARGET AND WALKED INTO THE TARGET. PHOTOGRAPHS ~~ENNY~~ CONFIRM THE DENSE SMOKE REPORTED. THE TARGET WAS DEFINITELY BOMBED HEAVILY, BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN FROM PICTURES, ~~XX~~ THE EXACT SPOT BOMBED BY A/C OF THIS GROUP. SMOKE WAS VISIBLE FROM TARGET AREA WHEN WE WERE OVER CELLE ON ROUTE HOME.
3. E/A - 75 TO 100 S/E E/A ATTACKED BETWEEN 5236N-0805E ADXX AND THE I.P. THERE WERE ABOUT 15 OF PARTICULARLY INTENSE ATTACKS BEGINNING AT 1259. THE 45TH C.W. CAUGHT THE HEAVIEST ATTACKS. THE 4TH C.W. WAS ALSO SEEN TO RECEIVE SEVERE ATTACKS. THE 13TH C.W. PARTICULARLY OUR ~~ENNY~~ GROUP, RECEIVED COMPARATIVELY LIGHT ATTACKS. SPORADIC ATTACKS CONTINUED UNTIL WE RENDEZVOUSED WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF OUR ESCORT FIGHTERS NEAR THE I.P. E/A WERE SCATTERED BUT REMAINED WITH OUR FORMATION UNTIL WE LEFT THE BERLIN AREA ON OUR ROUTE FROM TARGET. WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT WAS EXCELLENT AND NO E/A WERE SEEN ALONG ROUTE FROM TARGET. ONE OF OUR A/C IS MISSING AND IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN BY E/A. OUR CLAIMS ARE 5-4-2.
4. FLAK: OSNABRUCK - MEAGRE AND INACCURATE.
MADGEURG - MODERATE BARRAGE, INACCURATE.
BERLIN - MODERATE AND INACCURATE ON OUR FORMATION, BUT ~~VEN~~ XXXX VERY INTENSE OVER THE CENTER OF THE CITY.
SEVERAL ROCKETS OBSERVED.
GIFHORN - MEAGRE AND INACCURATE.
DIEPHOLZ - MEAGRE AND INACCURATE.
5. WEATHER - CAVU IN TARGET AREA.
6. OBSERVATIONS - NONE
7. OTHER INFORMATION.
 1. ~~E~~ A SMALL NUMBER OF BOMBS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE HIT THE SMALL TOWNS OF HANGELSBERG, 5224N-1356E, AND GARDELEGEN, 5232N-1124E. FIRE AND SMOKE WAS OBSERVED IN BOTH PLACES.
 2. ON ROUTE FROM TARGET, AT 1603 HOURS, 4 P-38'S WERE SEEN TO ATTACK A TRAIN RUNNING BETWEEN MEPPPEL AND ZWOLLE. THE ENGINE WAS SEEN TO EXPLODE.
 3. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT A SMOKE SCREEN WAS SEEN INSIDE THE CITY OF BERLIN.
 4. FIGHTER SUPPORT WAS SEAK OVER THE SAME AREA AS ON THE PREVIOUS MISSION TO BERLIN, AND AGAIN A LARGE NUMBER OF BOMBERS WERE DESTROYED. AFTER WE REACHED THE I.P. THE ESCORT IMPROVED AND WAS EXCELLENT ON ROUTE FROM TARGET.
 5. AT 1332 HOURS, NEAR 5218N-1144E, ONE P-47 OPERATING ALONE WAS SEEN TO SHOOT DOWN TWO E/A IN A SPACE OF A FEW MINUTES. E/A ~~WAS~~ WERE SO BUSY ATTACKING BOMBERS IT WASN'T THOUGHT THAT THEY KNEW THE P-47 WAS ABOUT. IT WAS LAST SEEN HEADED BACK TOWARD ENGLAND, BUT CREW MEMBERS BELIEVED THAT IT WAS TOO FAR IN TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE RETURN TRIP.

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COMBOMBING THREE
ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

INFO OF COMBOMBING THIRTEEN

COMBOMBING ONE HUNDRED
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100 BU - OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE - BRENNER - 8 MARCH 1944.

1. LEAFLETS - NONE
2. BOMBING RESULTS - ALL NAVIGATORS AND BOMBARDIERS WERE CERTAIN THAT OUR BOMBS HIT VERY NEAR THE P.T. BUT WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE EXACT SPOT THEY HIT BECAUSE OF SMOKE CAUSED BY THE BOMBING OF FORMATIONS THAT BOMBED AHEAD OF US. DENSE SMOKE AND FLAME WAS POURING FROM THE TARGET AT THE TIME OF OUR BOMBING. SOME BOMBARDIERS BELIEVE THAT OUR BOMB PATTERN STARTED ACROSS THE RR TRACK NE OF THE TARGET AND WALKED INTO THE TARGET. PHOTOGRAPHS CONFIRM THE DENSE SMOKE REPORTED. THE TARGET WAS DEFINITELY BOMBED HEAVILY, BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN FROM PICTURES, THE EXACT SPOT BOMBED BY A/C OF THIS GROUP. SMOKE WAS VISIBLE FROM TARGET AREA WHEN WE WERE OVER GIEBEL ON ROUTE HOME.
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COMBOMBIV THREE
ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

INFO OF COMBOMBIV THIRTEEN

COMBOMB ONE HUNDRED
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100 BG - OPERATIONAL NARRATIVE - BSKNER - 8 MARCH 1944.

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COMBODIV THREE
ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

INFO OF COMBODIV THIRTEEN

COMBODIV ONE HUNDRED X X
9/3/44 1530 8-2

100 BG - OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE - ERKNER - 8 MARCH 1944.

A. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION - THE 100TH GROUP FURNISHED A/C FOR THE LEAD AND HIGH SQUADRON OF THE LEAD GROUP IN THE 13TH C.W. THERE WAS ONE DIRECT ATTACK FROM THE NOSE ON OUR HIGH SQUADRON. OTHER E/A THAT MADE PASSES AT OUR FORMATION WERE RECOVERING FROM PASSES MADE ON THE WING AHEAD OR APPARENTLY PREPARING TO ATTACK FORMATIONS BEHIND.

E/A WERE FIRST SEEN AT 1155 HOURS, NEAR 5234N-0509E, BUT THEY REMAINED IN THE DISTANCE AWAY FROM OUR FORMATIONS. AT 1239 HOURS, IN THE VICINITY OF NIEBURG, THE MAJORITY OF OUR ESCORT LEFT US AND E/A CLOSED IN. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN THIS POINT AND THE I.P. BETWEEN 80 AND 100 5/8 E/A, ABOUT EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN PW 190'S AND ME 109'S, ATTACKED OUR DIVISION FORMATION. THE FIRST ATTACKS WERE CONCENTRATED ON THE 45TH C.W. E/A WERE SEEN TO ATTACK THE GROUPS IN THIS C.W. BY DIVING THROUGH THEIR FORMATIONS FROM AHEAD IN GROUPS OF 4, 6, AND 8 FLYING WING TIP TO WING TIP. AFTER THE FIRST SERIES OF ATTACKS, E/A SEPARATED INTO SMALLER UNITS OF 2'S AND 3'S AND CIRCLED BACK TO THE FRONT FOR MORE ATTACKS. THERE WERE ABOUT 40 E/A IN THE FIRST GROUP ATTACKING. OTHER UNITS OF E/A JOINED THE ATTACK AS WE CONTINUED TO THE TARGET AND THERE APPEARED TO BE AT LEAST 30 E/A ABOUT AT ALL TIMES UNTIL WE REACHED THE I.P. THE TACTICS OBSERVED DURING THIS SERIES OF ATTACKS WERE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THOSE REPORTED IN OUR LAST REPORT WHEN ATTACKS WERE CONCENTRATED ON THE 13TH COMBAT WING. FROM OBSERVATIONS OF BOTH MISSIONS IT APPEARS THAT A NEW STANDARD ATTACK IS NOW EMPLOYED BY E/A THAT SOMEWHAT RESEMBLES THE TRIPLE THREAT. IN THIS ATTACK E/A APPROACH IN TWO GROUPS OF 3'S FROM 11 AND 1 O'CLOCK FLYING PARALLEL TO A WING FORMATION UNTIL ABOUT 800 YARDS OUT. THEY THEN CUT SHARPLY TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT, ONE ELEMENT PASSING OVER THE OTHER IN FRONT OF THE TWO ERKE GROUPS TO BE HIT AND ATTACKING THE GROUP OPPOSITE TO THE ONE EACH ELEMENT FIRST APPROACHES. THESE ARE DIVING ATTACKS. STANDARD NOSE ATTACKS OF ALL TYPES WERE OBSERVED AGAINST BOTH THE 45TH C.W. AND 4TH C.W. ALSO A FEW TAIL ATTACKS WERE MADE ON THE 4TH C.W. BY SINGLE A/C AND ALSO ATTACKS WERE SEEN FROM 9 AND 10 O'CLOCK POSITIONS. IN THE INITIAL ATTACKS E/A WERE NOT

OBSERVED TO USE ANY UNUSUAL ARMAMENT.

ONE A/C FROM THIS GROUP IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY E/A AFTER BEING FORCED OUT OF FORMATION BECAUSE OF ENGINE TROUBLE. ALSO 9 B-17'S FROM THE 45TH C.W., 1 IN THE 4TH C.W. 2 IN THE 95TH GROUP, 2 IN THE 390TH GROUP AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED B-17'S WERE SEEN TO BE DESTROYED BY E/A. OTHERS WERE OBSERVED THAT STRAGGLED FROM FORMATIONS AND PROBABLY WERE DESTROYED. OUR CLAIMS ARE 5-1-2.

IN THE TARGET AREA A LARGE NUMBER OF E/A WERE SEEN BUT THEY WERE EFFECTIVELY COUNTERED BY OUR ESCORT. THERE WERE ABOUT 25 T/E E/A IN THIS AREA MADE UP OF JU 88'S, ME 110'S, AND ME 110'S. ALSO SOME UNIDENTIFIED A/C WERE SEEN INCLUDING ONE S/E A/C WITH FIXED LANDING GEAR THAT WAS NOT THOUGHT TO BE A JU 87.

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TO THE

INFO OF OIHRM

CONFIDENTIAL 100 BG R-201-D ATTN: A-2 REPORTING SECTION

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HEADQUARTERS
 ONE HUNDREDTH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H), AAF
 Office of the Station Engineering Officer
 APO 634

8 March 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Damage Report on Mission 8 March 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bombardment Group (H), AAF.

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2. Squadron repair.

SHIP 4710

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SHIP 4968

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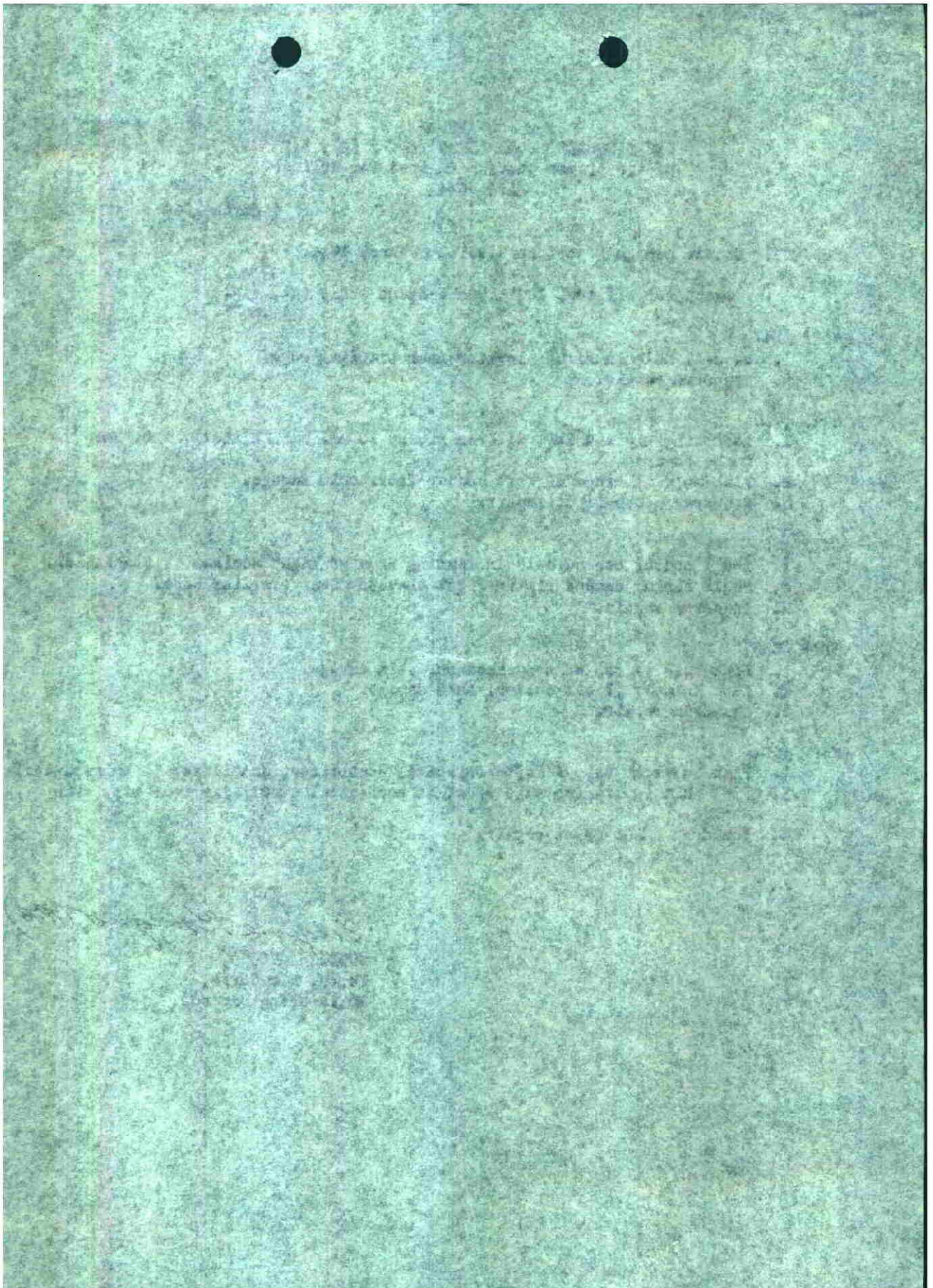
SHIP 4995

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Eugene R. Rando (H.A.)
 EUGENE RANDO,
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1. 5 AIRDROMES WERE REPORTED LOCATED AS FOLLOWS: CELLE, QUAKENBRUCK, NEAR BRUNSWICK, 5235N-1002E, AND 5234N-1031E. ALL WERE REPORTED AS HAVING APPROXIMATELY 30 S/E FIGHTERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AIRFIELD AT CELLE WHICH HAD APPROXIMATELY 30 S/E FIGHTERS PLUS 6 T/E FIGHTWEXXX FIGHTERS. ALSO AT THE AIRFIELD AT CELLE AND BRUNSWICK, SEVERAL A/C WERE OBSERVED TAXIING ON RUNWAYS. THE AIRFIELD AT BRUNSWICK WAS REPORTED AS BEING WELL CAMOUFLAGED.
2. 4 SHIPS WERE REPORTED IN THE AMSTERDAM HARBOUR. CREWS REPORT AXXX THAT A SMOKE SCREEN WAS BEING PUT UP OVER THESE SHIPS. ONE VESSEL APPEARED TO BE VERY LARGE AND THERE WERE TWO SMALLER SHIPS NEAR BY.
3. SMOKE SCREENS WERE REPORTED IN OPERATION AT HANOVER, BRUNSWICK, MADGEBURG, AND IN THE CITY OF BERLIN.
4. IN THE VICINITY OF DUMMER LAKE ROCKETS WERE REPORTED SHOT UP FROM THE GROUND, WHICH LEFT A TRAIL OF SMOKE BEHIND THEM. THESE BURST IN THE AIR MIKXXX MAKING BLACK SMOKE PUFFS LIKE FLAK AND THEN RED FLARES CAME OUT RESEMBLING THOSE FROM A VERY PISTOL.

C. FRIENDLY A/C IN DISTRESS

ONE OF OUR A/C IS MISSING: A/C NO. 056 WAS SEEN TO HAVE TROUBLE WITH NO. 1 ENGINE IN THE DUMMER LAKE AREA ON ROUTE TO TARGET. AN ATTEMPT TO FEATHER THIS ENGINE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND A/C FELL OUT OF ITS POSITION IN THE FORMATION. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS A/C FLEW WITH THE LOW SQUADRON OF OUR GROUP UNTIL WE WERE NEAR THE I.P. WHERE IT WAS SEEN TO LAG BEHIND AND RECEIVE ATTACKS FROM THREE E/A. ESCORT FIGHTERS CAME TO ITS RESCUE AND IT WAS LAST SEEN SOME DISTANCE BEHIND STILL IN LEVEL FLIGHT. NO CHUTES WERE SEEN.

OTHER A/C

1. AT 1242 HOURS NEAR DUMMER LAKE, A SILVER B-17 FROM THE 95TH GROUP PEELED OUT OF FORMATION AND ~~LOST~~ SXX LOST ALTITUDE. IT WAS UNDER CONTROL HEADED BACK TOWARD ENGLAND WHEN LAST SEEN. ITS DIFFICULTIES COULD NOT BE ASCERTAINED. THREE CHUTES CAME OUT WHEN IT PEELED FROM FORMATION.
2. AT 1249 HOURS, NEAR DUMMER LAKE, TWO B-17'S WENT DOWN, CAUSE UNKNOWN. ONE WAS FROM 390TH GROUP AND THE OTHER WAS UNIDENTIFIED. 6 CHUTES CAME OUT OF THE 390TH A/C.
3. AT 1251 HOURS, NRXX NEAR 5228-0855 E A B-17 PULLED OUT OF THE LEAD GROUP OF THE 45TH COMBAT WING FIRING GREEN-GREEN FLARES. IT WENT DOWN IN A NOSE DIVE AND STARTED TO FALL APART BEFORE IT CRASHED. 4 CHUTES WERE SEEN.
4. AT 1257 HOURS, NEAR STEINHUDE LAKE, A P-47 WENT DOWN APPARENTLY OUT OF CONTROL. NO CHUTE WAS SEEN.
5. AT 1300 HOURS, NORTH OF HANOVER, 4 B-17'S FROM THE 45TH C.W. WERE KNOCKED OUT OF FORMATION. THEY TRXX TURNED BACK TOWARD ENGLAND WITH ENGINES SMOKING BUT WERE JUMPED BY MORE E/A AND ALL WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN. (NO CHUTES WERE SEEN.
6. AT 1300, 7 MILES NORTH OF HANOVER, AB-17 FROM THE 95TH GOXXX GROUP WAS KNOCKED OUT OF FORMATION BY E/A. IT WAS LAST SEEN LOSING ALTITUDE UNDER CONTROL. NO CHUTES WERE SEEN.
7. AT 1302 HOUR, NORTH OF HANOVER, 1 B-17 FROM TH 4TH C.W. WAS HIT BY E/A AND WENT STRAIGHT DOWN OUT OF CONTROL. NO CHUTES WERE SEEN.



8. AT 1304 HOURS TWO MORE B-17'S WERE SEEN TO BE KNOCKED OUT OF THE 45 C.W. BY E/A. NO. 1 ENGINE WAS ON FIRE AND PART OF THE TAIL WAS SHOT AWAY ON ONE. SIX SXXX CHUTES WERE SEEN FROM THIS ONE. THE OTHER WENT STRAIGHT DOWN AND CRASHED. 1 CHUTE WAS SEEN.
9. AT 1310 HOURS, NEAR 5236N-1014E, A B-17 FEL L OUT OF THE 45 CW AND PULLED AWAY WITH ITS WHEELS DOWN. IT WAS LAST SEEN IN LEVEL FLIGHT WITH E/A CIRCLING AROUND IT. NO CHUTES WERE SEEN.
10. AT 1327 HOURS, NEAR 5229N-1121E, TWO B-17' WERE KNOCKED OUT OF THE 45TH C.W. BY E/A. BOTH WENT DOWN SMOKING, BUT UNDER CONTROL. THREE CHUTES WERE SEEN.
11. AT 1337 HOURS, IN THE VICINITY OF MADGEBURG, A B-17 FROM THE LEAD SQUADRON OF THE 45TH C.W. WAS APPARENTLY HIT BY FLAK AND FELL OUT OF FORMATION WITH FIRE IN NO. 4 ENGINE. AS IT FELL AWAY FROM ITS FORMATION IT BROKE IN HALF AT THE BT. 9 CHUTES WERE SEEN.
12. AT 1337 HOURS, NEAR MADGEBURG TWO B-17'S FROM THE 95THE GROUP WERE KNOCKED OUT OF FORMATION BY E/A. THEY WERE LAST SEEN LOSING ALTITUDE UNDER CONTROL. NO CHUTES WERE SEEN.
13. AT 1338 HOURS, NEAR MADGEBURG, TWO B-17'S WERE KNOCKED OUT OF THE WING AHEAD AND WENT DOWN UNDER CONTROL, BUT FLAMING. XX 4 CHUTES WERE SEEN FROM ONE AND 3 CHUTES FROM THE OTHER.
14. AT 1408HOURS, SOUTH OF BERLIN, A B-17 STRAGGLING FROM THE 390TH GROUP (CALL LETTER "V"), WAS ATTACKED BY 3 ME 109'S. IT WENT DOWN AND WAS SEEN TO CRASH. 10 CHUTES WERE SEEN.
15. AT 1437 HOURS, IN THE TARGET AREA, TWO B-24'S WERE WEEN TO GO DOWN IN A SPIN AFTER BEING HIT BY FLAK. NO CHUTES WERE OBSERVED.
16. AT 1459 HOURS, NEAR MAGDEBURG, NO. 2 IN THE LOW SQUADRON OF THE GROUP TO OUR RIGHT (95TH) FELL OUT OF FORMATION WITH NO. 4 ENGINE FEATHERED AND HEADED FOR CLOUD COVER. 2 E/A WENT AFTER HIM. NO CHUTES WERE SEEN.
17. AT 1515 HOURS, IN BRUNSWECI AREA, 2 B-24'S THAT WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN HIT BY FLAK, WEN DOWN SPINNING. NO CHUTES WERE SEEN.
18. AT 1523 HOURS, NEAR 5235N-1003E, 2 B-24'S WERE ATTACKED BY 3 E/A AND WENT DOWN. ONE CAUGHT FIRE AND WENT DOWN IN A FLAT SPIN. THE OTHER TURNED OVER ON ITS BACK, FELL AWAY AND WAS SEEN TO CRASH. NO CHUTES WERE OBSERVED.
19. AT 1550 HOURS, NEAR LINGEN, THREE CHUTES WERE OBSERVED, BUT NO XX A/C WAS SEEN TO BE IN DISTRESS.

D. CREW SUGGESTIONS--

1. GUNNERS REQUEST SOME TRACER AMMUNITION.
2. THE NUMBER OF MISSIONS PER TOUR OF DUTY SHOULD NOT BE INCREASED IF RECENT MISSIONS ARE AN INDEX TO WHAT IS TO BE EXPECTED IN THE FUTURE.
3. FIGHTER SUPORT WAS AGAIN SPOTTY, AND E/A TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION.

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STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET Berlin DATE OF ATTACK 8/3/44

PILOT'S NAME Capt Rosenthal NAVIGATOR H. A. J. Bualacchi A/C NO. 504

1. The 100th A Group flew (high-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (high-lead-low) " " " () " " " " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

	Lead	A/C	A Group	B Group
Highest	"		<u>22,100' R.P.</u>	
Lowest	"			

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 235°

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 224 Knots

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 35 sec. sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 1437 1/2

7. Turn from Target after Bombing right

8. True Course Away from Target 2225°

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: slight "S" ing

10. Visibility at Target: Good - slight haze.

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
1149	5237-0437	80°	143 Knts	
1206	5234-0551	70°	143 "	
1229	5234-0719	92°	142 "	
1243	Brunner LAKE	60°	142 "	
1257	STEINHUDE LAKE	75°	142 "	1825 altered course to 120° T.
1327	GARYELEGEN	120°	142 "	
1331	MAGEDEBURG	120°	142 "	altered course of 1400 to 5° T.
1431	No. 4 E. of Bridge - I.P.	10°	150 "	I.P.
1437 1/2	Target	235°	224 "	target - visual
1502	BORG	300°	224 "	altered course at 1515 to 20° T
1540	Brunner LAKE	270°	225 "	
1552	5235-0717	275°	211 "	

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1620 1/2 5239-0437 275° 211 "

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____ SHIP NO. _____

1. The 100th _____ Group flew as (high, lead, low) group of the _____ C.W. in the _____ A.T.F.

Altitude of Lead A/C over Target _____

Altitude of High A/C over Target _____

Altitude of Low A/C over Target _____

2. ACTUAL ROUTE flown over enemy territory giving names of towns if possible, where not possible give coordinates. (No course is flown exactly as briefed.)

3. Visibility at target (Condensation trails, clouds, etc.) _____

4. Axis of bomb run _____

5. Time bombs away _____

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

7. Turn after bombing (course away from target)

8. Brief description of evasive action in target area.

Reporting Officer _____

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STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK 8/3/44

PILOT'S NAME Lt. Gough NAVIGATOR _____ A/C NO. 830

1. The 100th ~~A~~ Group flew (~~high-lead-low~~) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th ~~A~~ Group flew (~~high-lead-low~~) " " " () " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

	A Group	B Group
Lead A/C	<u>22,300</u>	
Highest "	<u>22,500</u>	
Lowest "	<u>22,100</u>	

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 255°

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run 230 kts

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 30-40 sec. _____ sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 1437

7. Turn from Target after Bombing left - 1/2 circle - north

8. True Course Away from Target 195°

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: Just lead ship correcting
on bomb run. No flak. No evasive action

10. Visibility at Target: 15 miles

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
1149	52°32' - 04°36'	90	149 kts	coral
1228	Lingen	80	148	1 mile left of Lingen - just a couple of miles north of course.
1307	Celbe	74	149	Still well on course
1334	52°13' - 11°45'	115	158	8-9 miles to right of course.
1400	Riesa	after turn 65	152	12 miles south of IP, turned E go to IP
1432	IP	255	232	
1437	Target	-	-	left turn after Target
1453	-	266	225	10 miles right of DESSAU
1512	52°32' - 10°36'	303	220	on course on way out
1622	52°36' - 42°36'	292	210	left Germany coast

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INTERROGATING OFFICER Rosenfeld

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____

DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____

SHIP NO. _____

1. The 100th _____ Group flew as (high, lead, low) group of the _____ C.W. in the _____ A.T.F.

Altitude of Lead A/C over Target _____

Altitude of High A/C over Target _____

Altitude of Low A/C over Target _____

2. ACTUAL ROUTE flown over enemy territory giving names of towns if possible, where not possible give coordinates. (No course is flown exactly as briefed.)

3. Visibility at target (Condensation trails, clouds, etc.)

4. Axis of bomb run _____

5. Time bombs away _____

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

7. Turn after bombing (course away from target)

8. Brief description of evasive action in target area.

Reporting Officer _____

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PFF

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships OnlyTARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK 8/3/44

PILOT'S NAME _____ NAVIGATOR _____ A/C NO. _____

1. The 100th A Group flew (~~high~~-lead-low) of the 13th() C.W. in 3rd B.D. Formation.
The 100th B Group flew (~~high~~-lead-low) " " " () " " " " " "

2. Altitude over Target -

	A Group	B Group
Lead A/C	<u>22000</u>	
Highest "		
Lowest "		

3. True Heading on Bomb Run 240

4. Ground Speed on Bomb Run _____

5. Flew Straight and Level before Bombing 60 sec. _____ sec.

6. Time Bombs Away 1437

7. Turn from Target after Bombing Left

8. True Course Away from Target 190°

9. Brief Description of Evasive Action in Target Area: none

10. Visibility at Target: good unlimited

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

TIME	COORDINATES	TRUE HEADING	GROUND SPEED	REMARKS
1149	5235-0437	95		XX
1242	Dimmerlake	80	140	PFF Crew
1317	5234-1110	110		Michigan State
1352	5150-1250	123		Lt. Ryan was
1402	5129-1328	75		exceptionally
1412	Cottbus	03		helpful throughout
1432	I.P. -	03		the entire trip
1437	Tgt	240		
1440	5236-1341	140		
1442	Zossen	273		
1455	5215-1253	306	210	

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INTERROGATING OFFICER Macrae

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____ SHIP NO. _____

1. The 100th _____ Group flew as (high, lead, low) group of the _____ C.W. in the _____ A.T.F.

Altitude of Lead A/C over Target _____

Altitude of High A/C over Target _____

Altitude of Low A/C over Target _____

2. ACTUAL ROUTE flown over enemy territory giving names of towns if possible, where not possible give coordinates. (No course is flown exactly as briefed.)

3. Visibility at target (Condensation trails, clouds, etc.)

4. Axis of bomb run _____

5. Time bombs away _____

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

7. Turn after bombing (course away from target)

8. Brief description of evasive action in target area.

Reporting Officer _____

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TARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK 8/3/44

PILOT'S NAME: . . . NAVIGATOR . . . A/C NO. . .

- | 2. Altitude over Target - | | A Group | B Group |
|---------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Lead | A/C | | |
| Highest | " | | |
| Lowest | " | | |

10. Visibility at Target: 15

11. ACTUAL ROUTE FLOWN OVER ENEMY TERRITORY: Must be exact and give check points.

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INTERROGATING OFFICER

STATISTICAL FLAK FORM
For Lead Ships Only

TARGET _____ DATE OF ATTACK _____

PILOT'S NAME _____ SHIP NO. _____

1. The 100th _____ Group flew as (high, lead, low) group of the _____ C.W. in the _____ A.T.F.

Altitude of Lead A/C over Target _____

Altitude of High A/C over Target _____

Altitude of Low A/C over Target _____

2. ACTUAL ROUTE flown over enemy territory giving names of towns if possible, where not possible give coordinates. (No course is flown exactly as briefed.)

3. Visibility at target (Condensation trails, clouds, etc.)

4. Axis of bomb run _____

5. Time bombs away _____

6. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing?

7. Turn after bombing (course away from target)

8. Brief description of evasive action in target area.

Reporting Officer _____

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COMBAT REPORT

4 B7 A-2, 6(1-8-43)

GROUP _____ SQN. _____ A/C _____ DATE _____

WHERE ATTACK TOOK PLACE _____ HEIGHT _____ TIME _____

MARK A/C ATTACKED AND CLOCK POSITION

Our Heading _____

Type of E/A _____

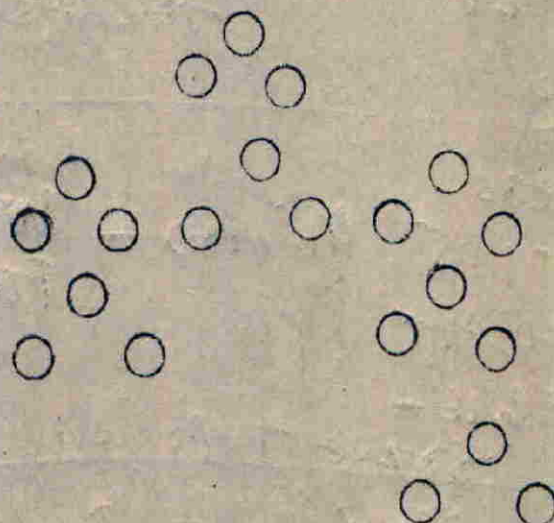
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Attack Level _____

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COMPLETE STORY OF THE ATTACK:

Gunner responsible for E/A damage: _____ Position _____

Other gun positions firing on the same E/A _____

Other A/C firing at the same time at the same E/A: A/C Nos. _____

If E/A was shot down or damaged: Corroborated by:

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

_____ A/C No. _____ Position in A/C _____

Comments of interrogator:

INTERROGATOR _____ Time _____

If formation varied widely from standard, show by diagram on back of this sheet
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S-2 29/15-8-43

DIEPHOLT
71800

BARRAGE - DISTANT

1323 HRS

NOV 28-11 05

96° HEAD -

6'30 second LOW - BARRAGE

BATT OF 5 guns - BARRAGE

FOR 8 minutes - DISTANT

21520 ART

MADGE BURG -

SAME TYPE ON RETURN TRIP -

OSRABRUK + DIEPHOLTZ -

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HEADQUARTERS
100TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Office of the Intelligence Officer

D-I-15

APO 634
8 March 1944

SUBJECT: Digest, Crew Comments and Suggestions, Operational Mission #125.

TO : Commanding Officer, 100th Bomb Group (H), APO 634.

1. Submitted herewith is a digest of crew comments and suggestions compiled by S-2 on Operational Mission #125, 8 March 1944:

- a. All members, Crew #57 - Want stick gum instead of PK's.
- b. S/Sgt Kyre, Crew #76 - BT range pedal interfered with knee action, wants it changed if possible.
- c. S/Sgt Mauk, Crew #76 - Tail guns off balance, want springs.
- d. All members, Crew #70 - Excellent leading. Food was bad today; don't want powdered eggs. 351st transportation very poor.
- e. Crew #69 - Want the new flak suits which are available.
- f. Lt Paine, Crew #77 - Wants lost buckles replaced on flak suits.
- g. All members, Crew #77 - All want dark glasses.
- h. All members, Crew #42 - Want flashlights and better transportation.
- i. Officers, Crew #42 - Want loudspeaker in WAAF Site.
- j. Lt Monrad, Crew #27 - Fresh eggs should be served on mornings of missions.
- k. All EM, Crew #27 - Don't want "C" rations served after missions.
- l. T/Sgt Smallwood, Crew #27 - Wants a preventative for window clouding.
- m. S/Sgt Robinson, Crew #35 - Suggests that fighter escort be arranged for all parts of mission as E/A strike when no fighter cover is near.
- n. S/Sgt Bowers, Crew #16 - Wants tracers and suggests closer formation flying.
- o. T/Sgt Luquet, Crew #16 - Links in both guns jammed.

Shallan
Capt., P.C.
for F. MINER SHAW
Major, Air Corps
Intelligence Officer

DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

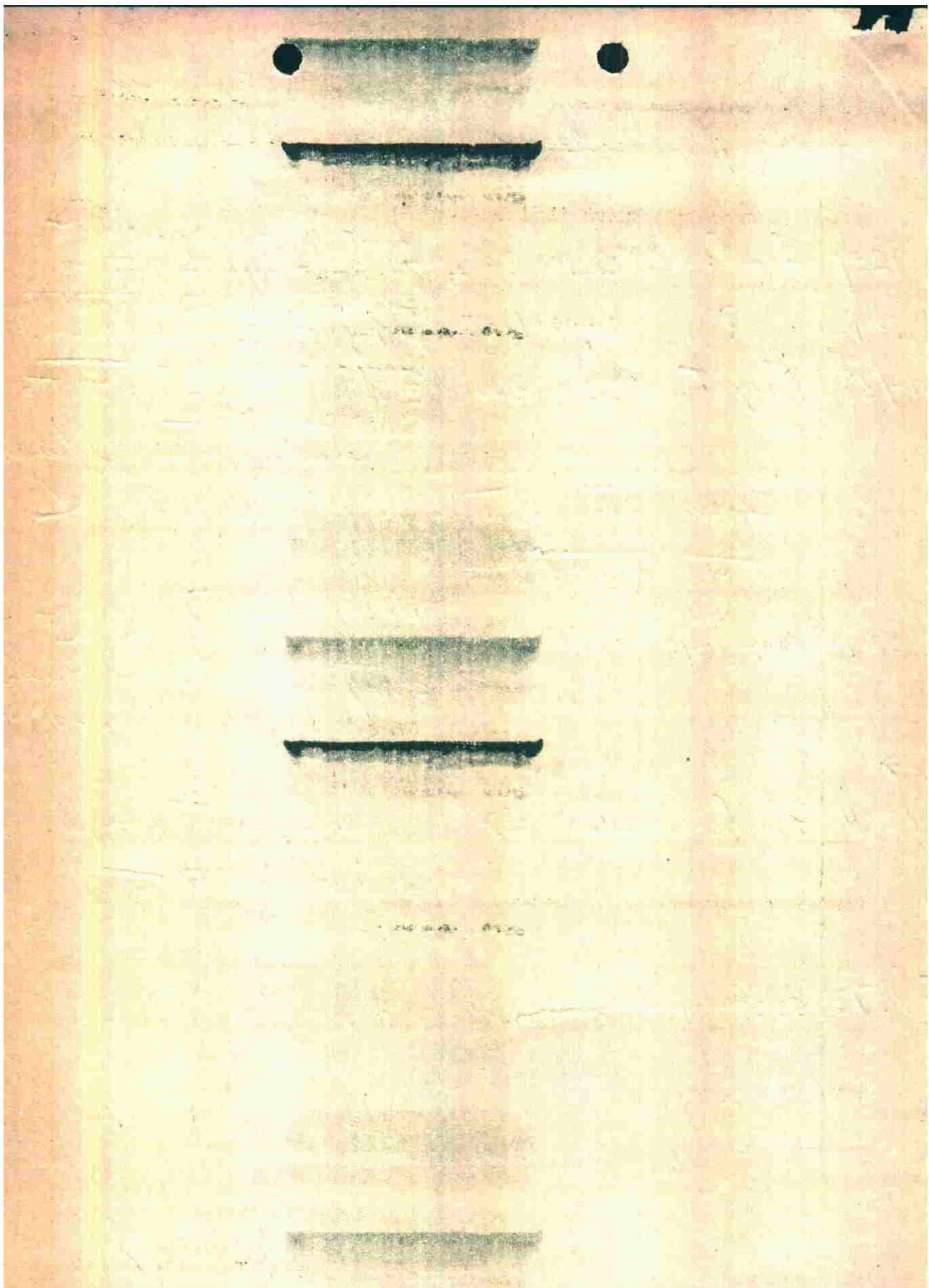
TARGET _____

DATE OF ATTACK 8/3/44PILOT'S NAME Lt. GibbonsSHIP NO. 968

TIME	PLACE	ALTITUDE	HEADING	DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LINE - ABOVE BELOW-CLOCK POSITION - BELOW
1239	From Osvaldo	22000	350°	Light flak - level - but off to the right over the city -
1339	?	22000	115°	Heavy flak - 2000 ft - 0° to right - level (Barrage?)
1438	Target	22000	300°	Heavy flak seen about 2 miles ahead - off to the right - level - from Berlin Defenses
Formation got us flak around the target -				
1507	3 miles NW of Magdeburg	18000	300°	Heavy concentration of flak observed - firing at a straggling B-24 - 3 miles back at 6 o'clock - low
1541	From Osvaldo	16000	275°	Heavy but far off to left & low
1513	5237	0955	12000	280

Reporting Officer M. J. McCreary

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET _____

DATE OF ATTACK 8/3/44PILOT'S NAME Lt. HarperSHIP NO. 074

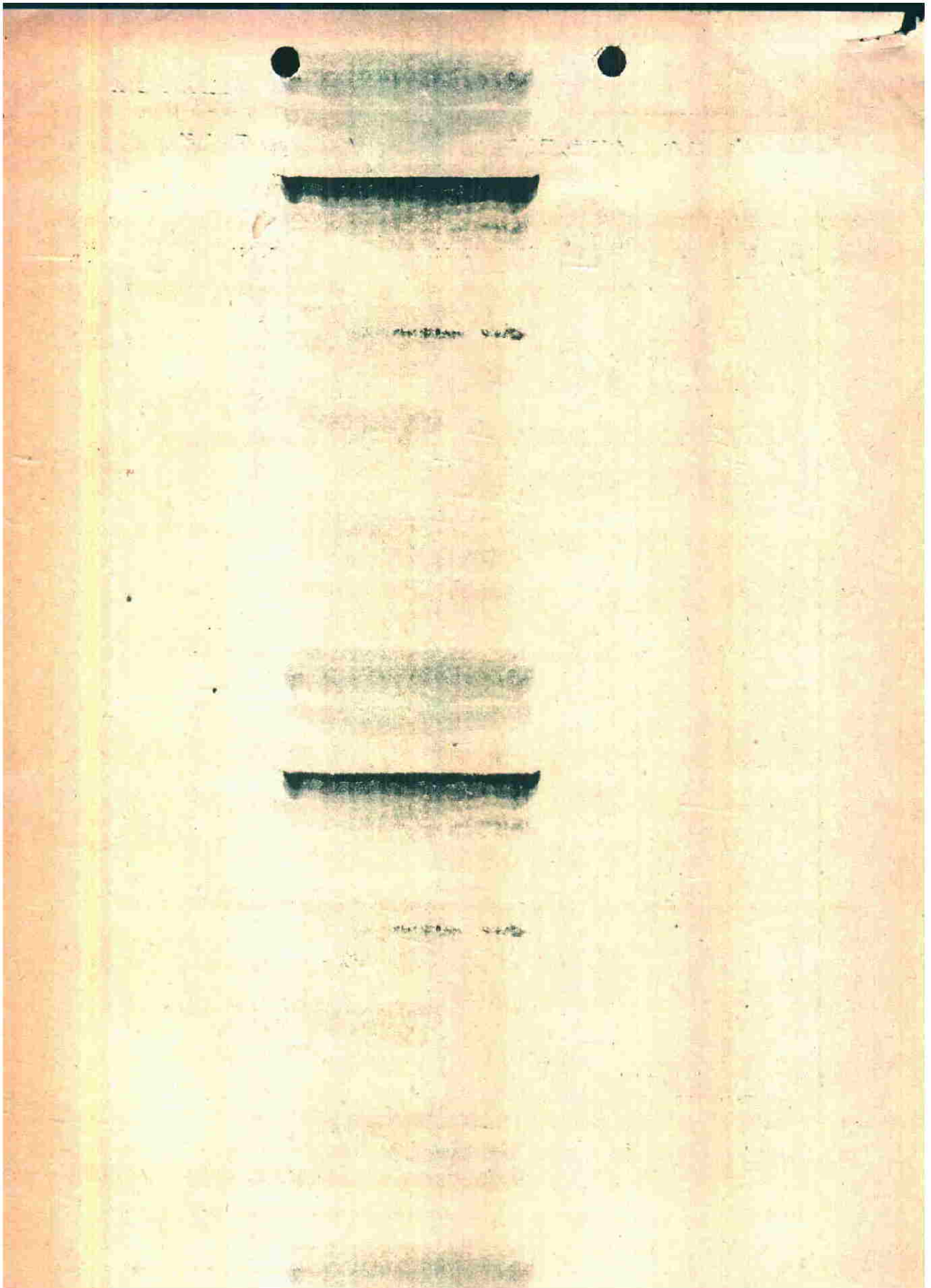
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Diepholz - as previously reported

NOTE: Rockets fired from ground ~~area~~ at target, as Brunswick said. Red or Orange colored - left long streamer of smoke. ~~with~~ with ~~tail~~ of an Red Ball at top. Hit No. 7 B17 lead element. Seem to be harmless and inaccurate.

Reporting Officer Juste

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

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DATE OF ATTACK

8/5/44

FLEET'S NAME

St. Maed

SHIP NO.

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TIME	PLACE	ALTITUDE	BEARING	DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING AREA - ABOVE
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1243	Danville	2260	74°	
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1256	Wainburg	22700	85°	
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No flock from Celle, altho we passed over it.

1332	Burg	22400	120	
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12 o'clock level. We

10 mi. S. of Cologne

meagre. Heavy clouds

seen over Berlin.

1340	Blyburg	18200	260	
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1540	Brightly	15100	271°	
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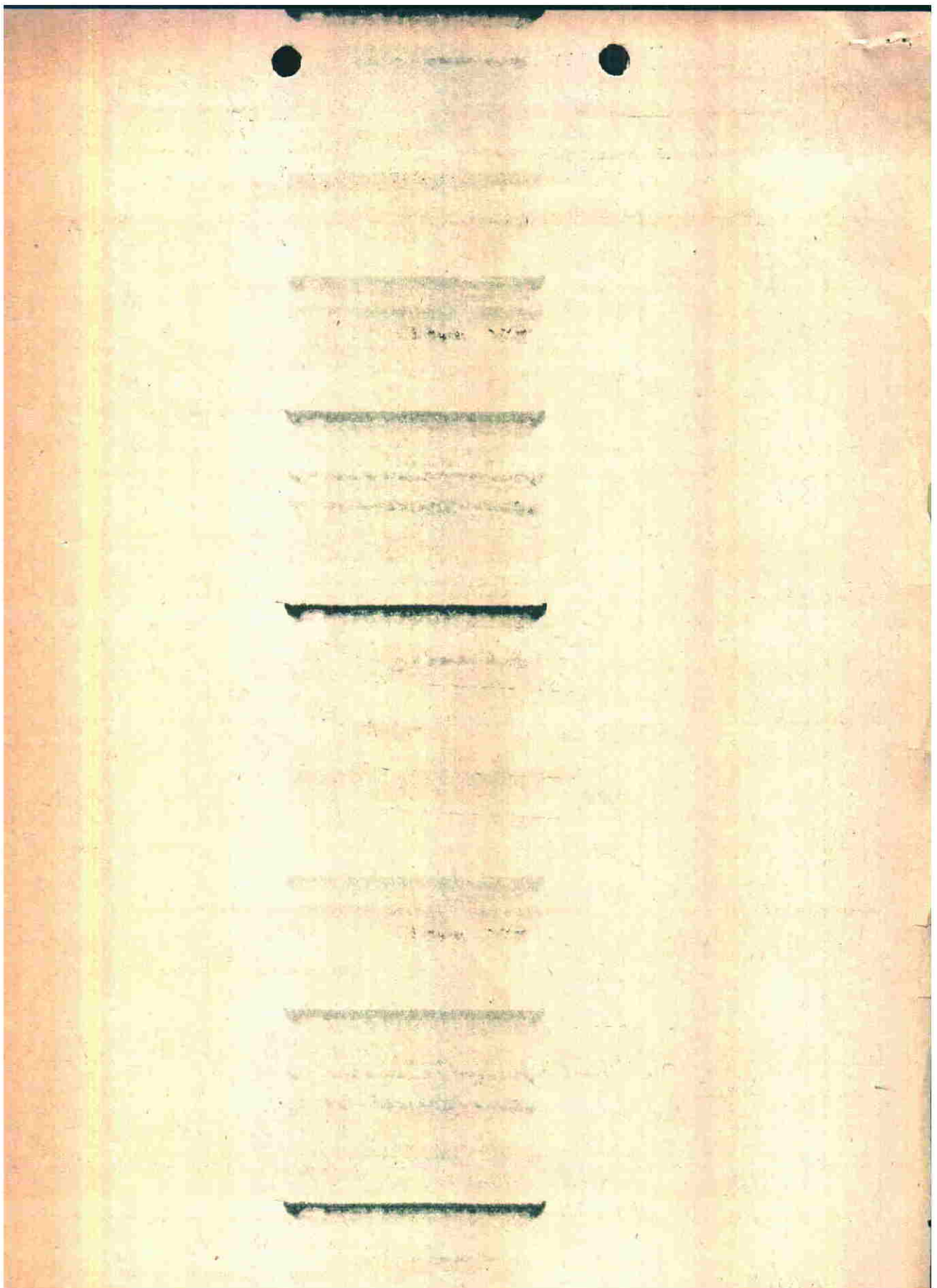
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 TARGET Berlin DATE OF ATTACK 8/3/44
 PILOT'S NAME Lt. Wilson S-HP NO. 710

TIME	PLACE	ALTITUDE	HEADING	DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING ENEMY - ABOVE BELOW-CLOCK POSITION
1335	Magdeburg	22000	125	Bursts of 4 - Moderate in distance to right Flak at airport burst of Drummer Lake - Moderate not so accurate.
1438 1443	Berlin	22000	Various	Flak moderate - seen last following.
15:03	Magdeburg	20000	305	Bursts of 4 - to left moderate -
15:45	Osnabruck	18500	270	Heavy flak to left at another group. Flak from Drummer Lake, again -

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET _____

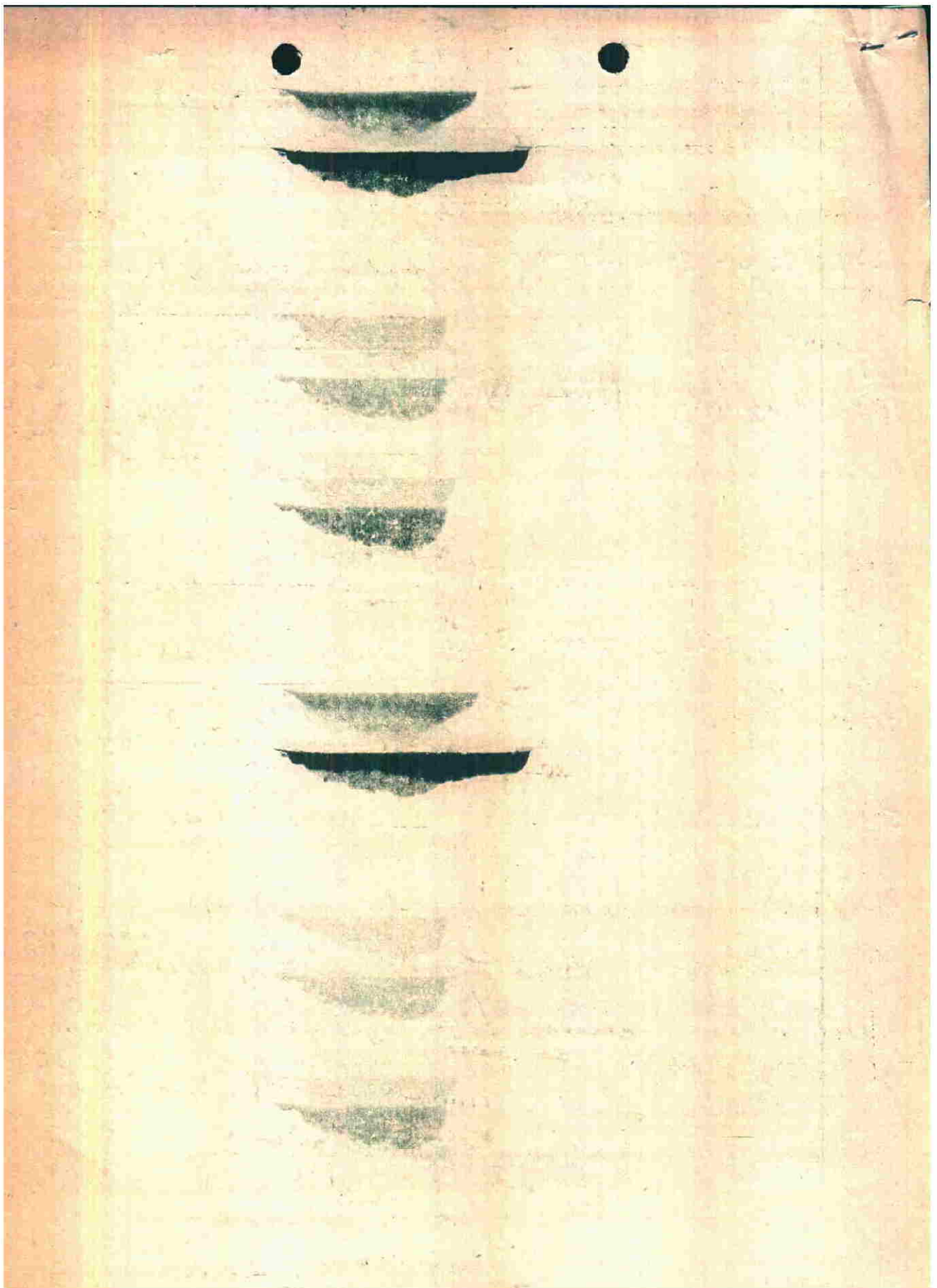
DATE OF ATTACK 8/3/44PILOT'S NAME Lt. MonradSHIP NO. 066

TIME	PLACE	ALTITUDE	HEADING	DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LEVEL - ABOVE BLOW-CLOCK POSITION - BELOW
1239	(5230-0801)	23000	87°	From a bomb blasted field 25 bursts were thrown off to right low and level, not accurate. Single bursts thought 3 guns. Tracked with megaphone and then lit up with all three
1330 1335	Magdeburg	231000	120°	Heavy flak and at 3 o'clock single bursts, few and tense, accurate more than 400 bursts. A smoke screen was laid down at the town of Burg.
1437	Target Area	23100	242°	Intense flak. Summed before we ran into it
1503	Magdeburg	21900	311	Light flak on left and level. About 30 or 40 bursts in barrage
1523	Hannover	18000	282	a big barrage level and high 250-300 bursts off to left.
1540	Osnabrueck	15600		Intense off to left.

Ground rockets in target area
refer to regular form under observation

Reporting Officer J. Bauman

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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET _____

DATE OF ATTACK 8/3/44PILOT'S NAME Lt. HelmickSHIP NO. 412

TIME

PLACE

ALTITUDE HEADING

DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LEVEL - ABOVE
BELOW - CLOCK POSITION - NUMBER OF SHOTS

1333

Magdeburg

23000

110

Level at 12 o'clock, 4 miles away
burst of 5 quite heavy
Heavy - made a left turn
and took us out.

1438

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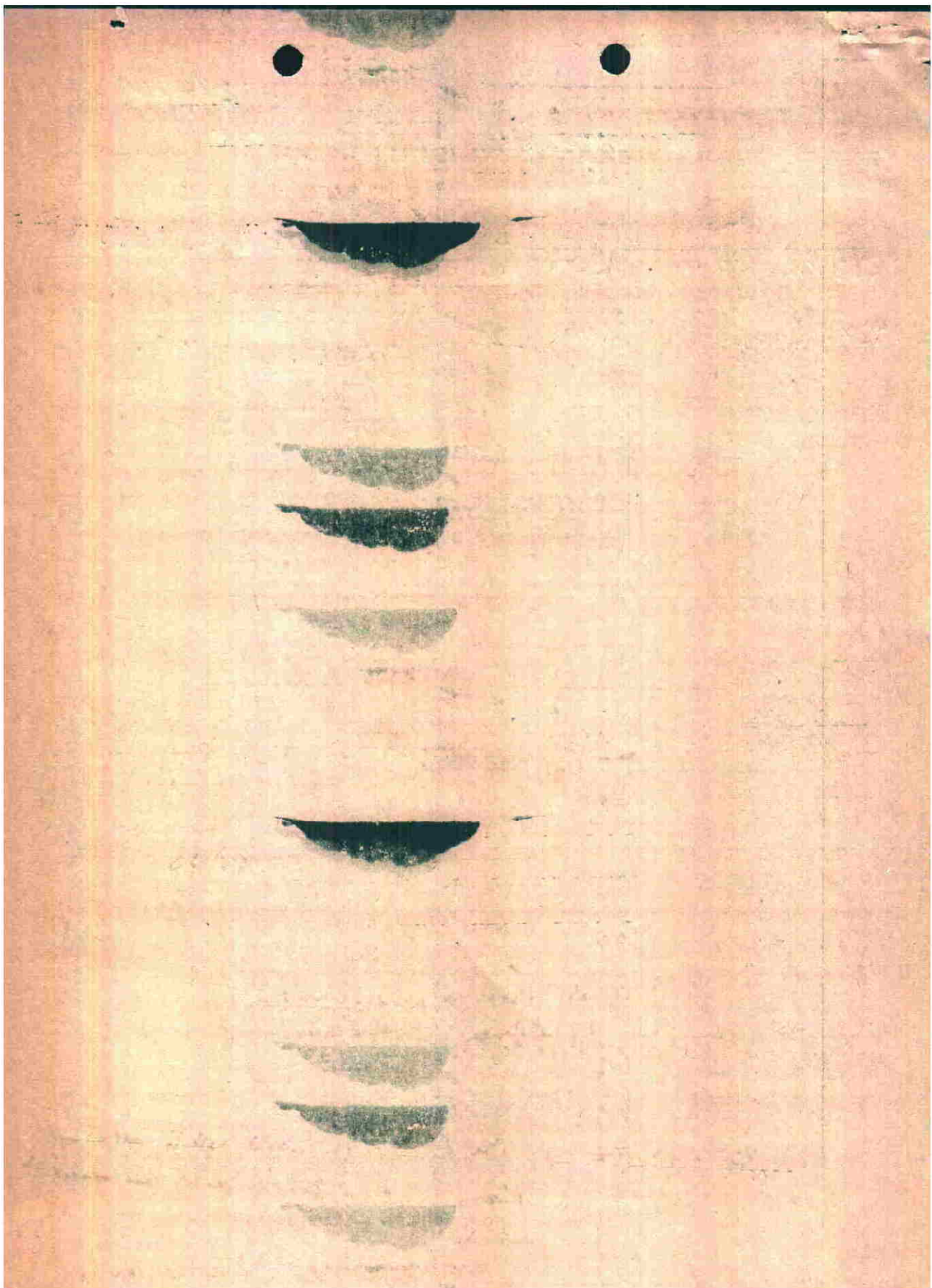
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DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

EKNER

DATE OF ATTACK

8/3/44

PILOT'S NAME

Lt. Williams

SHIP NO.

018

CRM #67

WILLIAMS

TIME

PLACE

ALTITUDE

STANDING

DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LEVEL - ABOVE

BELOW - CLOCK POSITION

1438

Target

7300

245°

saw rocket flak - ahead -
high - other flak not
had.

1505

Mladzeburg
(5 mi. N.W.)

22000

305°

in bursts of 10 - low - not
intense +

1535

Newburg

16000

289°

moderate -

1541

(5733-0835E)
wagenfeld

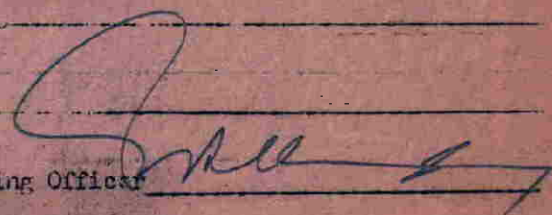
16500

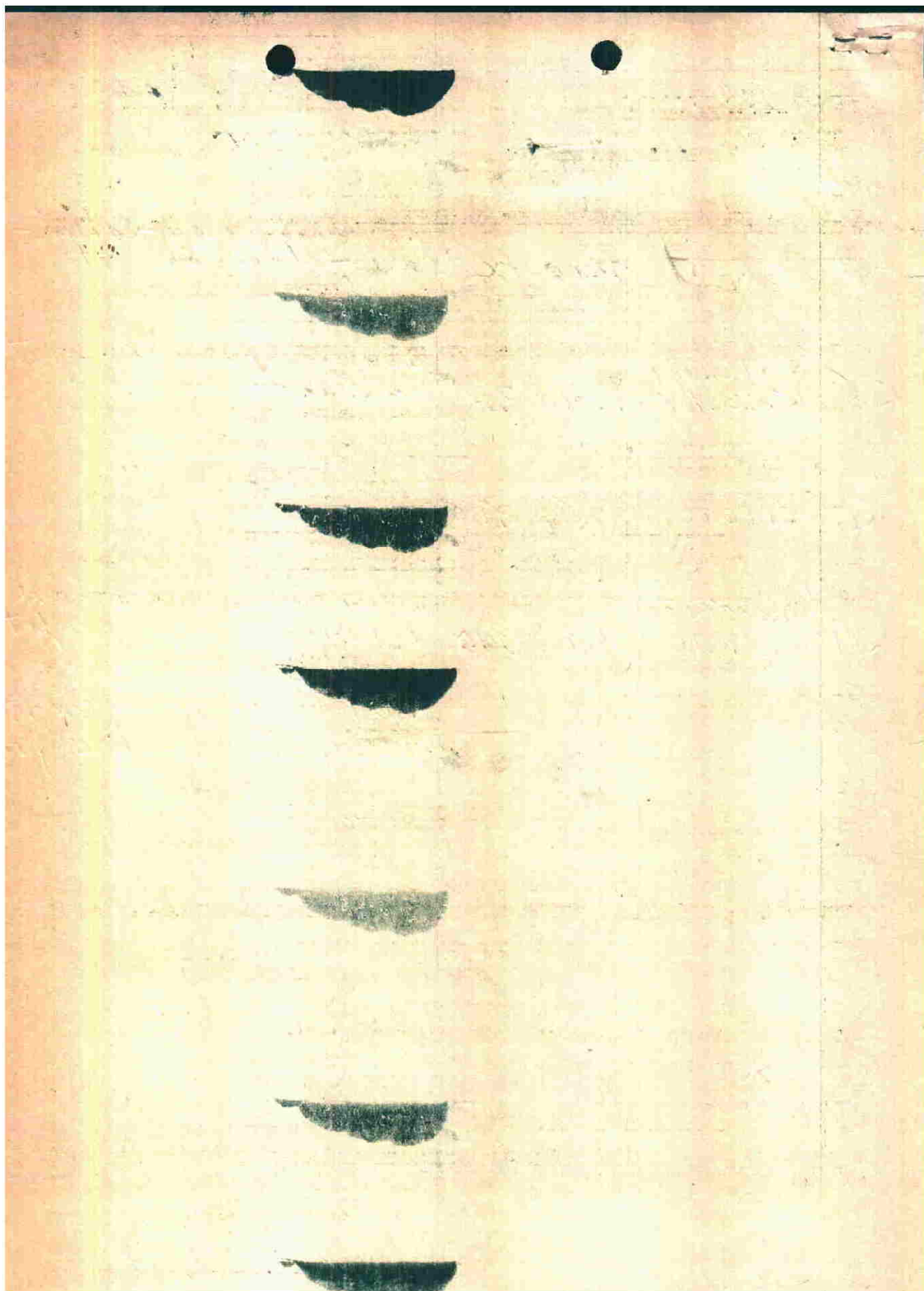
290°

several bursts - but not one
B-17 straggled over this spot
the whole spot on the ground
started shrieking - caught
the B-17 - very intense flak.

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Reporting Officer





DESCRIPTIVE FLAK FORM

TARGET

Berlin

DATE OF ATTACK

8/3/44

PILOT'S NAME

Lt. Forythe

SHIP NO.

175

TIME

PLACE

ALTITUDE

HEADING

DESCRIPTION OF FLAK GIVING LEVEL - ABOVE
BELOW - CLOCK POSITION

1239	5236-0805	22,000	093	2 o'clock low - 10 burst
1332	5218-1144	23,000	121	12 burst random over formation medium altitude -
1438	Target	22,000	()	20 burst of flesh following our formation along -
1502	Magdeburg	21,000	315	20 burst at 9 o'clock - over town well west n. of town
1526	10 mi n. of Hanover	17,000	282	60 bursts in groups of 6. innocent - out of range of guns
1536	5237-0843	15,000	280	60 burst at 9 o'clock + 12 burst at 1 o'clock - away from our group
1551	DORTMUND EMS conv 5237-	15,600	285	60 burst at 8 o'clock but for away -

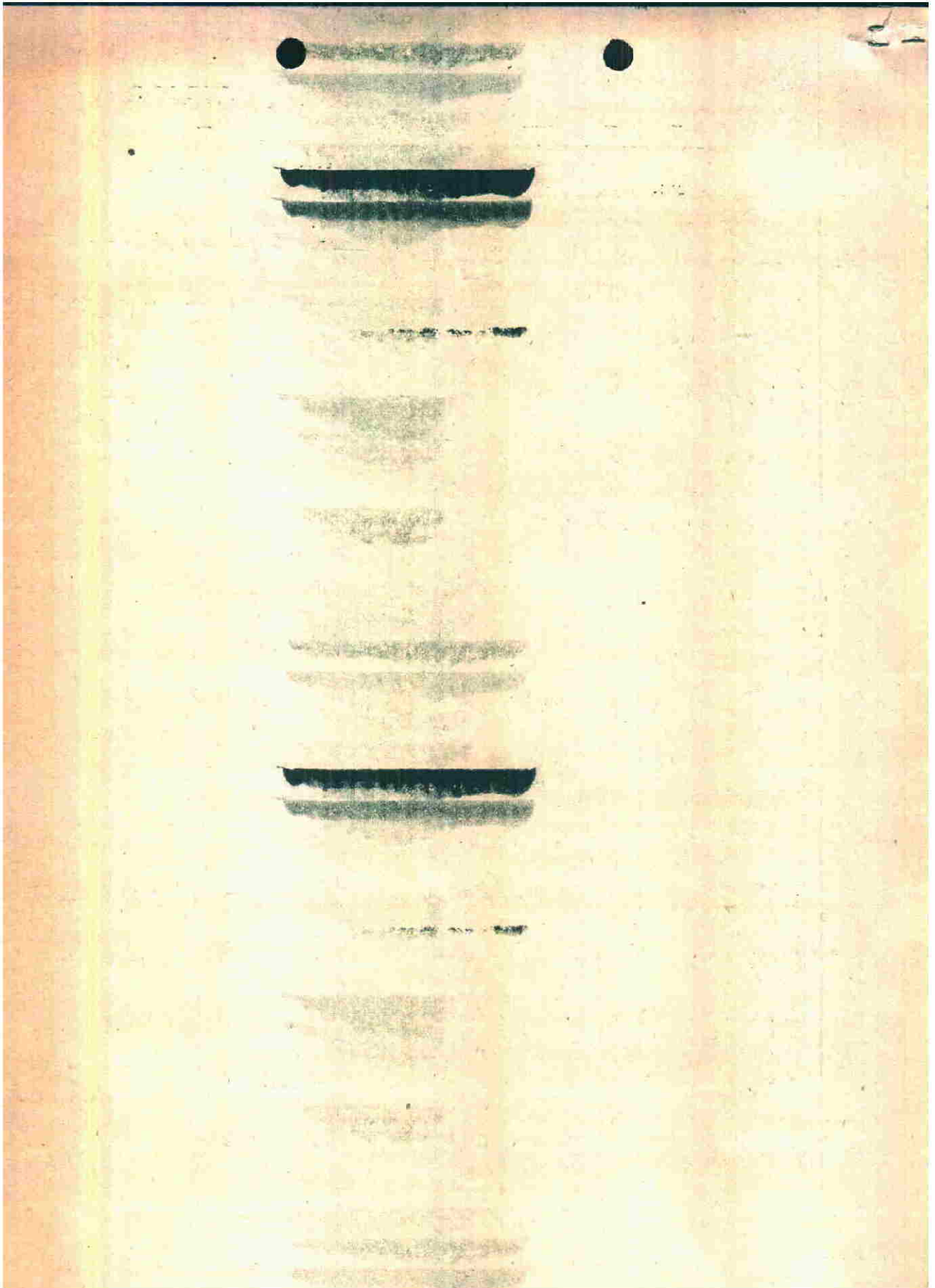
Generally AA fire was very innocent on our side for condition of good visibility - also we passed over several flock over without receiving any fire.

Very little fire at us from Berlin, but that observed fire at the B-24's over the city was the heaviest ever seen.

Reporting Officer

One Day

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5-2
Capt. Truck

HEADQUARTERS
AAF STATION #139
APO #634

5 March 1944

SUBJECT: Inspection of Organizational Small Arms.

TO : All Officers, Hq Detachment, 100th Bomb Group (H), APO #634.

1. The Station Ordnance Armorers will inspect the Small Arms of this unit on Wednesday, 8 March 1944 at 1430 hours.
2. It is directed that each officer of Headquarters Detachment bring his weapon to the Sergeant Major's office in Station Headquarters prior to 1000 hours on Wednesday, 8 March 1944.
3. All weapons will be properly tagged with the owner's name, grade, and serial number.

By Order of Major STANDISH:

Horace L. Varian, Jr.
HORACE L. VARIAN, Jr.
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

flak was encountered until target area reached. Target area intense flak was put up over Berlin with target at extreme range where only meager flak was encountered. This was ^{accurate} seen continuous pointed white flak over Berlin proper seemed to be a barrage.

On route back Magdeburg again put up flak & only meager with 30 to 40 bursts compared to 400-500 reported on route in. This flak was to and level but distant.

From Magdeburg to coast no flak was shot directly at 100th. However, another group which though they passed directly over Celle and Muenberg. Over another group which was south of course ejected flak from Hanover (our altitude 18000) and in Osnabruck which was observed by 100th. at over this flak appeared to be level to high, and in 250 to 300 bursts. At Osnabruck it appeared by intense, (altitude 15500) so as to form a black cloud in sky, and accurate. Some flak also seemed to come from the airfields at the same location, but this is not certain.

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See J.C. Hager's form for Perchity.

FLAK REPORT

TO: AA Officer, 4-2 Section, Hq. 4th Bomb Wing, APO 634

FROM: 100th Bomb Group (Group) Capt M. B. Ains (Reporting Officer)TARGET: Exeter DATE OF ATTACK: 8 March 44

1. The 100th Group flew as (, lead,) of the 13th C.G.,
in the 3rd Bomb Division

Altitude of Lead A/C 22000Altitude of High A/C 22500Altitude of Low A/C 21950

REMARKS:

2. Actual route followed over enemy territory (giving names of towns if possible) 52°35'N 04°37'E to Dummer Lake to 52°39'N 11°10'E
to 51°50'N 12°50'E to 51°29'N 13°28'E to Cottbus to IP to Target
to 52°36'N 13°41'E to Zossen to 52°15'N 12°55'E to 52°25'N 10°22'E

3. Visibility at target. (Condensation, trails, clouds, etc.) to 52°37'N 04°37'
CAVU No Trails

4. No. of A/C over target 13+1. for Pathfinder

5. A/C damaged by, and/or lost to flak: 2 - slightly
1 - serious

A/C No.	Height	Classification	Brief Description (i.e. place lost, extent of damage, etc.)
#710		slightly	Flak hole in hinge of left landing door, skin damage.
#895		"	Hole in top of nose section and hole in #1 oil cooler, skin damage.
#074		serious	Flak burst at top of left horizontal stabilizer, stabilizer to be replaced. Hole in leading edge of right horizontal stabilizer near top, skin damage.

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7. How long did formation fly straight and level before bombing? 60 sec.

8. Turn after bombing. (Course away from target)

to left to 1900

9. Short description of evasive action in target area.

Mild S'ing

10. A description of flak en route and at target, including if possible, suggestions as to type of fire control employed. Include herein any phenomena or comments.

Crews report the best visibility ever seen over Continent. In the words of one crew from the Dutch Coast to the target and back to the Dutch Coast there wasn't a cloud in the whole sky as big as a pocket handkerchief. It is interesting therefore to note that AA gun batteries out of range of the formations did not put up barrages over their defensive areas as has heretofore so often been the case during conditions of poor visibility.

Enroute in and out no flak was seen from Ljunciden, Amsterdam, Lingen, Zwolle, Meppen and Meppel. The first flak encountered by the 100th Group was from the series of air fields west of Dummer Lake, Quackenbruck, Vechta, Resep and Vorden. This fire was meager, seen continuous bursts at altitude 22000' and these were to rear and left. From one of these fields, believed to be Quackenbruck a ground rocket was fired which burst with black smoke like flak and then 5 red flares came out. The same phenomenon was also reported in target area where one of the flares is reported to have hit the wing of a B-17 and rolled off without damage. The next flak was encountered from Magdeburg, where heavy flak was put up level and to the right just out of range. Beyond Magdeburg

LT. N. L. CHAPMAN, A/C #056

MISSING AIR CREW REPORTS-2

Submit one copy to S-1.

IMPORTANT: The following report will be completed within 36 hours of the time an aircraft is officially reported missing.

2. SPECIFY: Point of Departure AAF Station #139 Course E
 Intended Destination Berlin; Type of Mission Operations
3. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND VISIBILITY AT TIME OF CRASH OR WHEN LAST REPORTED:

CAVU

4. GIVE: (a) Date 8/3/44; Time 1430; and Location 15 Miles E OF BERLIN
 of last known whereabouts of missing aircraft.
 (b) Specify whether (X) Last Sighted; () Last Contacted by Radio;
 () Forced Down; () Seen to Crash; or () Information not available.

5. AIRCRAFT WAS LOST, OR IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST, AS A RESULT OF: Check only one (X) Enemy Aircraft; () Enemy Anti-aircraft; () Other circumstances as follows A/C is believed to have been lost to E/A after mechanical trouble caused it to straggle.
11. IDENTIFY BELOW THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAST KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN TO INDICATE BASIS FOR SAME:

Check only one column

Name in Full (Last Name First)	Rank	Serial Number	Contacted By Radio	Last Sighted	Saw Crash	Saw Forced Landing
1. <u>SHOENS, ROBERT J.</u>	<u>1st LT.</u>	<u>O 746440</u>		<u>X</u>		
2. <u>HARTER, JAMES C.</u>	<u>1st LT.</u>	<u>O 802894</u>				
3. <u>MASSOL, JOHN F.</u>	<u>1st LT.</u>	<u>O 745842</u>		<u>X</u>		

12. IF PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE SURVIVED, ANSWER YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: (a) Parachutes were used; (b) Persons were seen walking away from scene of crash; or (c) Any other reason (Specify) DOWN UNDER CONTROL
13. ATTACH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH, MAP, CHART, OR SKETCH, SHOWING APPROXIMATE LOCATION WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS LAST SEEN.
14. ATTACH EYEWITNESS DESCRIPTION OF CRASH, FORCED LANDING, OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO MISSING AIRCRAFT.

"Lt. Chapman feathered one engine; then unfeathered it near Dummer Lake at about 1240. He continued with the formation, although straggling, to the I. P. where three enemy fighters attacked him. Our escort went down and picked him up. His A/C was under control when last seen."
 Lt. Shoens.
 (OVER)

"Saw A/C lead 2nd element, high squadron at
1240 hours near Drummer Lake." - Lt. Harper.

"Chapman flying lead 2nd element, high squadron,
lagged at 1357 hours near 5150-1054E. #1
engine feathered and then started again." - Lt. Massol.

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Then re-mimeographing, make no changes.

MISSING A/C REPORT

A/C No. #056 Squadron 351 Group 100 Date Missing 8/MARCH/44
 Pilot LT. N.L. CHAPMAN (18) ~~Ball T. Gunner~~ T/Sgt. G.B. SILVERMAN (18)
 Co-pilot LT. R.M. ELLIS (18) ~~TT Gunner~~ S/Sgt. D.E. HUTCHINGS (17)
 Navigator LT. G.G. LINDBOM (18) Tail Gunner S/Sgt. G.E. DOBBS (18)
 Bombardier LT. W.D. CLARK (18) RW Gunner S/Sgt. F.A. YZENAS (18)
 Radio Operator T/Sgt. M. SCHARF (18) LW Gunner S/Sgt. L.E. KILL (18)

Target ERKNER

Observer

Position of A/C in Group: (Circle on diagram) →

Position of Group in Formation: LEAD, 13 CBW

How many chutes were seen? NONE

Was A/C lost to: Fighters; ~~AA Fire~~; ~~Aerial Bomb~~; ~~Collision~~; ~~Other~~:

Where did A/C sustain initial damage? NEAR DUMMER LAKE

Where was A/C last seen? E OF BERLIN

How many previous raids made by crew? SEE ABOVE

Date of last P/W briefing? (Approx.) 17/FEB/44

Give a complete narrative citing all known facts not covered by the above questions, using reverse side if necessary. If weather was contributing factor, describe briefly.

A/C # 056 was seen to have trouble with #1 engine near Dummer Lake on route to target. An attempt to feather this engine was unsuccessful and the A/C fell out of position in the formation. It is believed that this A/C flew with the low squadron of our group until we were near the I. P. where it was seen to lag behind and receive attacks from three E/A.

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(OVER)

Escort fighters come to its rescue and
it was last seen in level flight. No
chutes were seen.

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over at 1242 hours in the vicinity of Dummer Lake continuing escort east of Celle until 1330 hours. Between Dummer and Steinhuder Lakes, gaggles totalling 100 plus e/a which approached from the southeast were engaged. Enemy attacks were aggressive on fighters and bombers alike and about 12 bombers were lost in this area. Group scored 16-0-3 in combats from 18,000 feet to deck for loss of 3. The 363rd Group made rendezvous west of Celle and took the bombers to the start of the bomb run, destroying 5 e/a for the loss of one. The 20th Group made rendezvous northeast of Hanover at 1323 hours and left the bombers northeast of Wittenburg without combat.

Target: The 4th Group made rendezvous northeast of Gardelegen at 1330 hours. Attacks by 65 plus e/a, mostly single-engine a/c from Genthin to south of Berlin were engaged with resulting claims of 16-4-5 for the loss of one. Escort was broken at 1430 hours near Teltow.

Withdrawal: The 352nd Group made rendezvous in the vicinity of Wietzen at 1527 hours reporting other P-47s and P-38s present. Combats south of Dummer Lake and near Meppen resulted in claim of 2-0-0 for no loss. Escort was broken at Zuider Zee at 1600 hours. The 356th Group met bombers at 1538 hours in the vicinity of Quackenbruck and broke escort at 1635 hours over Egmond, driving off a few e/a attacking bombers northeast of Lingen.

ESCORT TO 2ND DIVISION - (2nd Air Task Force)

Penetration: The 362nd Group joined the bombers at the Dutch coast escorting them to Lingen without incident. The 359th Group rendezvoused early at 1207 hours over Egmond and carried the bombers to Steinhuder Lake, sighting 25 FW 190s in the distance. A combat north of Minden resulted in an e/a probably destroyed. 56 B Group, picking up the bombers at 1242, reported combats with over 100 e/a, with pilots aggressive and persistent. The Group made claims of 14-3-7.

Target: The 354th Group made rendezvous south of Stendal at 1342 hours taking the bombers through the target and back to Stendal breaking escort at 1445. Only a few e/a were seen in the target area and claims of 1-0-1 were made.

Withdrawal: The 364th Group joined the bombers at 1449 hours 30 miles south of Brunswick, and escorted them to the vicinity of Dummer Lake at 1520 hours. Between Magdeburg and Gardlegen the 364th had several combats with small enemy formations making claims of 8-2-5 for the loss of two. The 355th Group made rendezvous with the rear boxes and stragglers at Steinhuder Lake at 1532 hours escorting them out to Egmond at 1620 hours. Two e/a seen in the air were destroyed as were five others seen on the ground near Hesepe. 78 B Group joined the bombers at 1548 hours at east Dummer Lake and took them to the vicinity of Egmond at 1619 hours.

ESCORT TO 1ST DIVISION - (3rd Air Task Force)

Penetration: The 353rd Group made rendezvous at 1213 hours and escorted bombers to 20 miles north of Brunswick at 1330 hours. As a result of combats at Dummer Lake this group makes claims of 5-0-3 for the loss of one.

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Target: The 357th Group joined the bombers north of Brunswick at 1315 hours, escorted them through the target and left them at Gardelegen at 1450 hours. Combats in the target area from 25,000 feet to the deck resulted in claims of 7-0-3 for the loss of one. On the way home, this group picked up other bombers and escorted them to the Zuider Zee. 55th Group met the bombers in the vicinity of Brandenburg at 1441 hours and escorted them to Lingen at 1535 hours. Had several brushes with small enemy formations but makes no claims.

Withdrawal: 78 A Group rendezvoused at Steinhuder Lake at 1534 hours and escorted bombers to Lingen. This Group had combat with one FW 190 near Dummer Lake resulting in claims of 0-1-0. Further withdrawal support was given by 361, 358, 362 and 359 Groups making their second missions of the day. 361st Group scored 2-0-1 without loss.

Two squadrons of RAF Mustangs, totalling 28 aircraft, provided withdrawal escort from north of Brunswick. They had many combats but no claims are made. All aircraft returned safely.

NOTE: The foregoing is based on preliminary information and should not be used for record purposes.

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C O N F I D E N T I A LFIGHTER OPERATIONS

<u>Group</u>	<u>Type of A/C</u>	<u>Type of Support</u>	<u>No. A/C on Mission</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Claims</u>
361	P-47	Area	38	0	0-0-0
358x	P-47	Penetration	47	0	0-0-0
362x	P-47	Penetration	52	0	0-0-0
359	P-47	Penetration	49	0	0-1-0
353	P-47	Penetration	42	1	5-0-3
56 B	P-47	Penetration	34	2	14-3-7
56 A	P-47	Penetration	32	3	16-0-3
20	P-38	Penetration	24	0	0-0-0
363x	P-51	Penetration	36	1	5-0-0
4	P-51	Target	23	1	16-4-5
352)	(P-47	Withdrawal	40	0	2-0-0
)	(P-51	Withdrawal	5	0	
78 A	P-47	Withdrawal	35	0	0-1-0
78 B	P-47	Withdrawal	34	0	0-0-0
356	P-47	Withdrawal	46	1	3-0-2
359*	P-47	Withdrawal	41	0	0-0-0
364	P-38	Withdrawal	40	2	8-2-5
355)	(P-51	Withdrawal	31	1	7-1-2
)	(P-47	Withdrawal	19	1	
354x	P-51	Penetration,Target,Withdrawal	41	0	1-0-1
357	P-51	Penetration,Target,Withdrawal	38	1	7-0-3
55	P-38	Withdrawal	40	1	0-0-0
358x*	P-47	Withdrawal	42	1	0-0-0
361*	P-47	Withdrawal	37	0	2-0-1
362x*	P-47	Withdrawal	28	1	0-0-0
			894	17	86-12-32

* Double Sorties
x Ninth Air Force

17 Groups of USAAF fighters, 13 of the Eighth Air Force and 4 of the Ninth Air Force aided by two Squadrons of RAF Mustangs provided continuous escort for the bombers on this operation. Four groups flew double missions and three groups of P-51s again provided excellent long-range support in the target area, sustaining the loss of only 2 a/c. Enemy air opposition was decidedly smaller than that of the last Berlin attack with very few t/e and no night fighters seen. However, powerful and very aggressive concentrations were met by one group in the Hanover area and by another group over Berlin. In both instances, the enemy forces, although outnumbering our groups locally, were out-fought and sustained heavy losses. 10 P-47s, 4 P-51s and 3 P-38s failed to return while fighter pilots claim 86-12-32. There were no claims or losses for the RAF Mustangs.

ESCORT FOR 3RD BOMBARDMENT DIVISION - (1st Air Task Force)

Penetration: First penetration escort was provided by 361st Group who rendezvoused near Ijmuiden at 1145 hours taking the bombers without incident northwest of Lingen. The 358th Group began escort at 1210 hours at Bergen and continued to Dummer Lake until 1239 hours without sighting any e/a. The 56 A Group took

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Estimated Battle Damage - 127 B-17s and 89 B-24s category "A" or "AC": 11 B-17s and 1 B-24 category "B" and 1 B-24 category "E".

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: Intense accurate gunfire of garrage type was encountered at Berlin and Wukner. Moderate to intense and fairly accurate flak was encountered at Hesepe, Achmer, Rhine, Hanover and Dummer Lake. Meager to moderate and inaccurate AA was encountered at Lingen, Quackenbruck, Diepholz and Wunsdorf. Ground rockets were reported in the target area and red parachutes flares over Magdeburg.

WEATHER: Scattered clouds were encountered along entire route but virtual CAVU weather conditions at the target permitted visual bombing by all divisions. Visibility was 5 - 20 miles over Berlin. There were no contrails at bombing altitudes.

OBSERVATIONS: Smoke screens were seen over Brunswick, Steinhuder Lake, Magdeburg, Brandenburg, Hanover, and Osnabruck. The following observations were made of aircraft on the ground:

<u>Number of e/a</u>	<u>Type of e/a</u>	<u>Location of A/D</u>
27	s/e and t/e	Gifhorn
22	t/e	Scheven
25	s/e	NE of Furstenau
25	s/e	Near Dummer Lake
35	s/e and t/e	S of Celle
25	Me 109s & Me 110s	Wessendorf
15	unidentified	Falchu
30	"	Neustadt
30	"	Ahnsen
35	"	Volkenrode
25	some gliders	5 miles SE of Jerichow
30	unidentified	Vechta
many	"	Schonfeld
14	FW 190s & Me 110s	Schernickau
10	FW 190s & Ju 52s	Weitzebruch
50	Me 110s & s/e	Wagenhoff
27	s/e	Burg
20	s/e	Kobbelitz
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Approximately 150 smoke pots were seen burning along a line from 52°27'N - 10°38'E to 52°25'N - 10°55'E. Others were burning in the general area. Crews report that material could be seen stacked along the canal and spur tracks. The center of the area faced on the main railway and the Weser-Elbe Canal from 52°26'N - 10°41'E to 52°26'N - 10°52'E and covered approximately 3 to 4 square miles.

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Unit	(AB	Number of Aircraft				Primary		O.T's		Claims
		Disp.	Attacked	Lost		G.P.	I.B.	G.P.	I.B.	
3RD BOMB DIV.			Primary	O.T's						
4th C.W.	63	60	53	2	2	30	60	1	3	1-0-0
13th C.W.	64	56	44	1	5	16.5	79	1	2	17-4-3
45th C.W.	70	58	0	30	16	0	0	16.5	47.5	14-4-4
PFF	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1-3-0
	219	176	98	33	23	47.5	139	18.5	52.5	33-11-7
OPERATIONAL										
TOTALS	702	620	470	69	37	291.5	649	46	113	42-14-9

BOMBING RESULTS: 320 B-17s including five PFF dropped 7224 x 100 IB, 3333 x 100 GP, 92 x 500 IB and 20 x 500 GP, a total of 554 tons, and 150 B-24s, including three PFF, dropped 5313 x 100 IB, 2391 x 100 GP and 4 x 500 GP, a total of 386 tons, on the VKF plant at Erkner between 1429 and 1502 hours from 21,000 - 27,000 feet. The attack was made visually in clear weather, but heavy clouds of smoke rising from the target soon after the first planes attacked make assessment of damage difficult. It is known, however, that the first combat wing attacking had incendiary strikes on all major components of the plant, and formations of all three divisions are believed to have laid good patterns across the target area. A reconnaissance aircraft over the target two hours after the attack reported smoke still obscuring the plant almost completely. In addition to the plant itself, the nearby town and marshalling yards, and a large gas-holder were reported hit.

29 B-24s, arriving over the primary target when it was completely obscured by smoke, went on to bomb the center of Berlin, on which they dropped 993 x 100 IB and 439 x 100 GP, with good results. 29 B-17s dropped 719 x 100 IB, 310 x 100 GP and 40 x 500 IB on a large locomotive factory at Wildau. Strike photos show that one third of this plant was covered by bursts. In addition seven B-17s and four B-24s dropped 276 x 100 IB, 12 x 500 IB and 149 x 100 GP on scattered opportunity targets with unobserved results.

ENCOUNTERS: While the 1st and 2nd Divisions reported only 50 - 75 e/a encountered in the area between Brunswick and the target, and a very few engagements, the 3rd Division reported a total of 100 - 150, mostly single-engined types. On the route to Berlin, e/a were first encountered by this division near Nienberg, and remained with the formations to the target area. Attacks were directed chiefly against the lead combat wing, the 45th, which lost 17 a/c. On the route back, the second combat wing was attacked at about 1525 hours in the area north of Hanover. These scattered attacks lasted about twenty-five minutes until broken off between Dummer Lake and Lingen. No unusual tactics were reported.

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: 55 B-17s and 27 B-24s failed to bomb - 27 B-17s and 22 B-24s due to mechanical or equipment failure, 25 B-17s and 2 B-24s as a result of enemy action, 3 B-17s and 3 B-24s due to other reasons.

CASUALTIES: Personnel - 3 crew members were killed, 9 were wounded and 392 are missing.

Equipment - 28 B-17s and 9 B-24s were lost: 2 B-24s were lost to AA fire; 21 B-17s were lost to e/a; 1 B-24 was lost to AA and e/a; 2 B-24s were lost due to accident; 7 B-17s and 4 B-24s were lost to reasons unknown.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE
AAF STATION 101
APO 634

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E I G H T H A I R F O R C E N A R R A T I V E O F O P E R A T I O N S

252nd Operation - 8 March 1944

1st Bombardment Division - BERLIN(ERKNER)
2nd Bombardment Division - BERLIN(ERKNER)
3rd Bombardment Division - BERLIN(ERKNER)

Ten combat wings of heavy bombers of Eighth Air Force, escorted by seventeen groups of USAAF fighters, made a highly successful attack on the Luftwaffe, both in the air and on the ground, penetrating to the Berlin area to hit the VKF ball-bearing plant, and driving off enemy fighter formations attempting to defend this vital target. The VKF plant, at Erkner, was responsible for one half of the minimum annual requirements of the German Air Force, and preliminary reports indicate that it was severely damaged by over 900 tons dropped by 470 attacking bombers.

Although most bomber formations reported weak fighter opposition, the leading combat wing reported severe attacks in the area between Hanover and Berlin on the route to the target, and our fighters had their heaviest engagements at this stage of the operation. However, the enemy defensive effort was largely checked by the escorting P-47s, P-38s and P-51s, which claim 86 e/a destroyed for a loss of 17 fighters. 28 B-17s and nine B-24s are missing and bomber crews claim 42-14-9, making a total score for this operation of 128-26-41.

B O M B E R O P E R A T I O N S

Unit	(AB	Disp.	Attacked	Lost)	G.P.	Tons		O.T's		Claims
						Primary	I.B.	G.P.	I.B.	
<u>1ST BOMB DIV.</u>			Primary	O.T's						
1st C.W.	62	62	58	1	2	32.5	78.5	0	2	0-0-0
40th C.W.	62	56	52	1	0	23	76	1.5	0	0-0-0
41st C.W.	67	59	57	1	1	32.5	22	.5	2	1-0-0
94th C.W.	62	54	51	0	2	31.5	67.5	0	0	5-2-1
PFF	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0-0-0</u>
	257	235	222	3	5	123.5	244.0	2	4	6-2-1
<u>2ND BOMB DIV.</u>										
2nd C.W.	74	61	21	30	3	16.5	37.5	24	54	3-0-1
14th C.W.	75	74	63	2	1	51	114	1	2.5	0-1-0
20th C.W.	73	70	63	0	5	50	113.5	0	0	0-0-0
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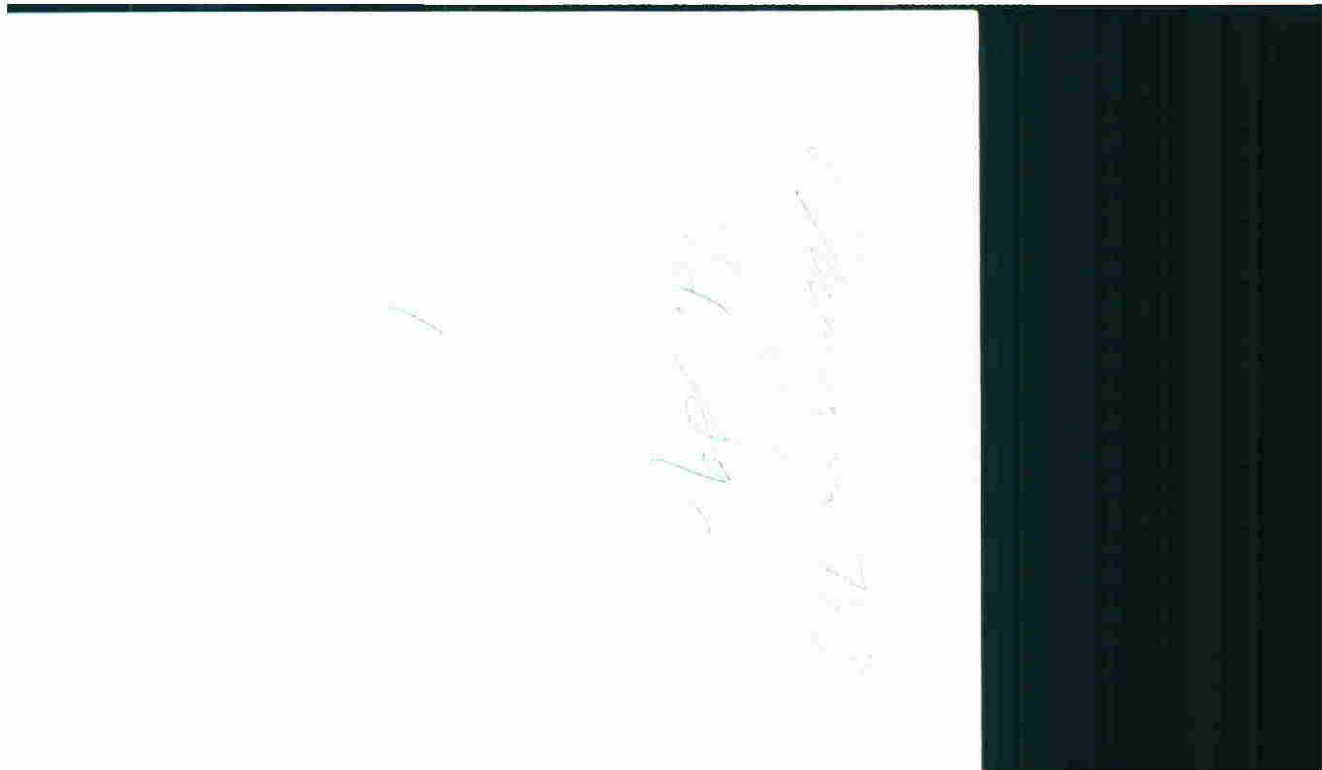
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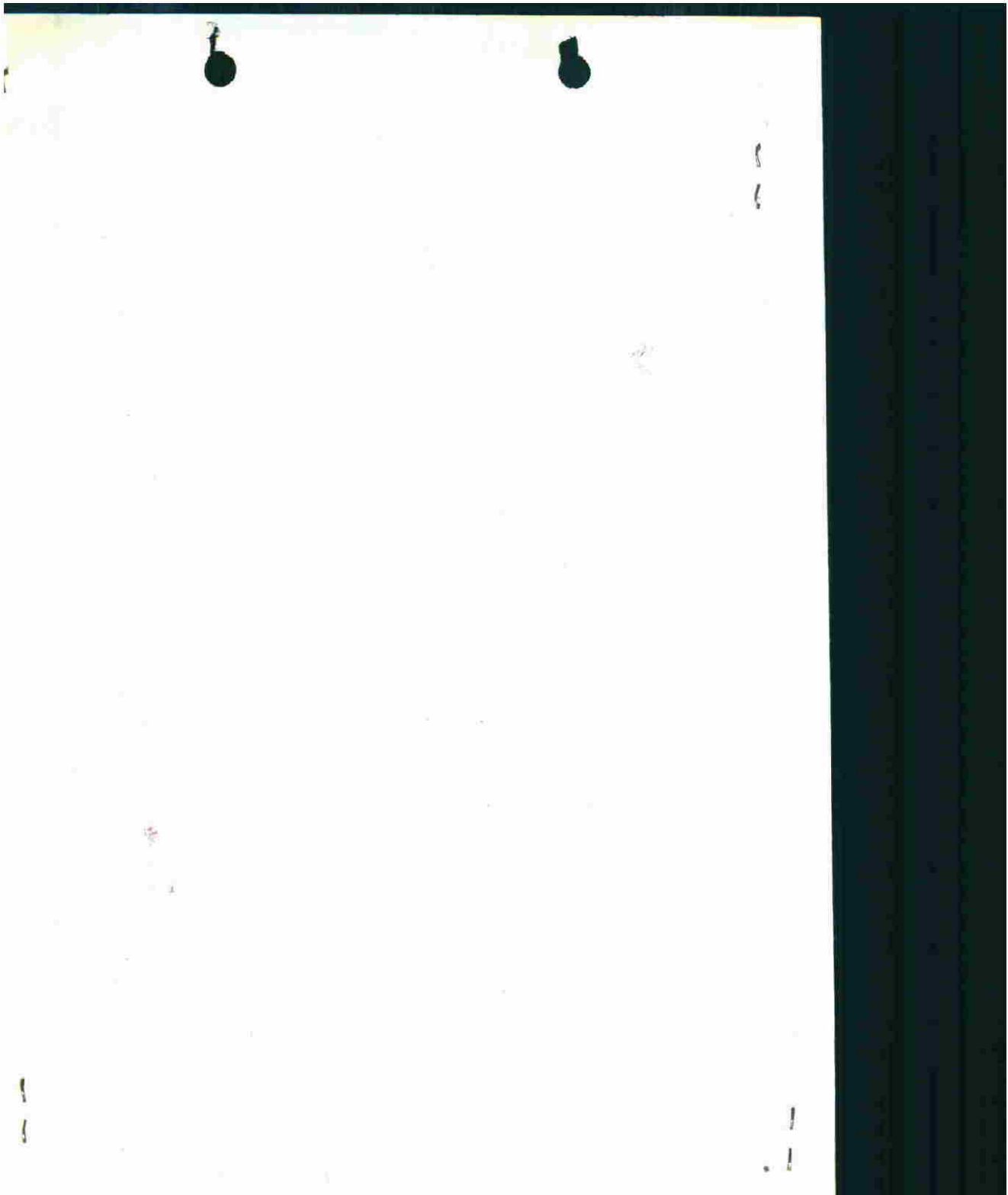


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HEADQUARTERS USSTAF

9 MARCH 1944.

DAILY OPERATIONS SUMMARY

USSTAF OPERATIONS:

8 MARCH: EIGHTH AIR FORCE: 411 B-17'S AND 209 B-24'S WERE DISPATCHED ON THE VKF BALL BEARING WORKS AT ERKNER, 16 MILES SE. OF BERLIN; 320 B-17'S AND 150 B-24'S BOMBED THE TARGET VISUALLY WITH GOOD RESULTS. A MARSHALLING YARD, GAS-HOLDER AND NEARBY TOWN WERE ALSO HIT. 29 B-24'S ATTACKED THE CENTER OF BERLIN AND 29 B-17'S BOMBED THE BERLINER MASCHINENBAU A.G. WORKS AT WILDAU NEAR ERKNER, ALSO WITH GOOD RESULTS. CLAIMS WERE 42-14-9 FOR LOSS OF 29 B-17'S AND 9 B-24'S.

612 P-47'S, 184 P-51'S AND 80 P-38'S ON ESCORT CLAIMED 86-12-32 FOR LOSS OF 10 P-47'S, 4 P-51'S AND 3 P-38'S.

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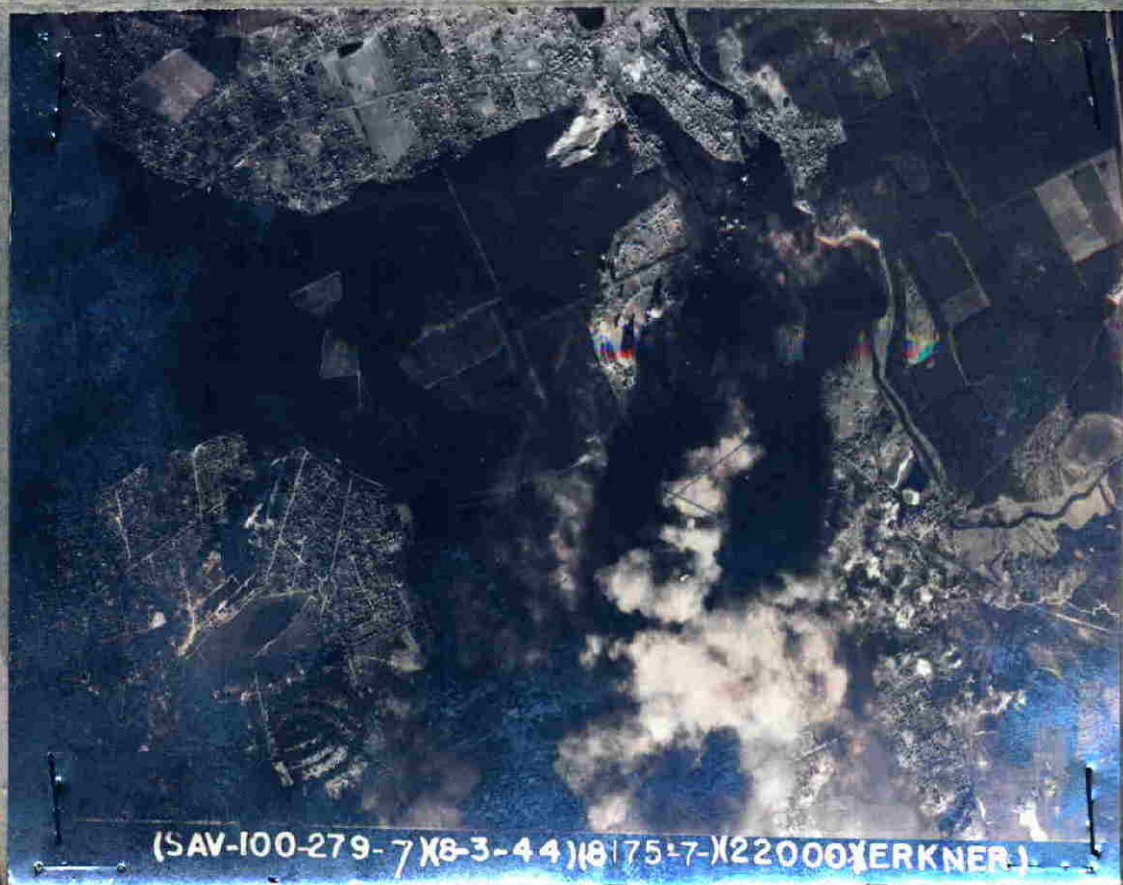
8 MARCH: BAD WEATHER RESTRICTED OPERATIONS; B-24'S WITH P-47 ESCORT WERE RECALLED AND OTHER MISSIONS WERE CANCELLED.
NIGHT 7/8 MARCH: 12 WELLINGTONS ATTACKED SAN STEFANO WITHOUT LOSS.

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OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE 8TH MARCH, 1944.

USSTAF OPERATIONS:

EIGHTH AIR FORCE, 7 MARCH:- NO OPERATIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN.

15TH AIR FORCE, 7 MARCH:- 112 B-17'S ESCORTED BY 72 P-38'S WERE DISPATCHED ON TOULON, FRANCE. 78 B-17'S ATTACKED THE DRY DOCKS, JETTIES AND OIL STORAGE DUMPS; ONE B-17, THREE P-38'S MISSING.

140 B-17'S MADE ATTACKS ON THE FOLLOWING MARSHALLING YARDS IN ITALY: PONTASSIEVE, CASTELFIORENTINO, POGGIBONSI. 142 B-24'S WERE DISPATCHED ON AIRDROMES IN THE ROME AREA, ATTACKS BEING MADE ON ORV-IETO, FABRICA DI ROMA AND VITERBO AIRDROMES.

WESTERN EUROPEAN THEATER.

7 MARCH:- ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY AIR FORCE, NINTH AIR FORCE PUT UP 54 B-26'S ON CONCHES AIRDROME AND 29 B-26'S ON COASTAL DEFENSES NEAR LE TREPORT. R A F HAD 75 BOMBERS AND 51 FIGHTERS ON MILITARY OBJECTIVES IN NORTHERN FRANCE. ESCORTING SPITFIRES CLAIMED 2-0-2. MOSQUITOES BOMBED AIRFIELDS IN FRANCE AND ATTACKED RAILWAY TARGETS IN NORTHWESTERN GERMANY.

NIGHT 7/8 MARCH:- R A F BOMBER COMMAND HALIFEXES, LANCASTERS AND MOSQUITOES ATTACKED THE MARSHALLING YARDS AT LE MANS, FRANCE: MOSQUITOES BOMBED MUNICHEN/GLADBACH, AACHEN, DUISBURG AND KREFELD/UERDINGEN, NO LOSSES.

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER:

7 MARCH: GROUND OPERATIONS: ITALY: ON THE 5TH ARMY FRONT, ENEMY ARTILLERY IN THE FRENCH SECTOR WAS DIRECTED ON ROADS AND COMMUNICATIONS; MORTAR AND MACHINE GUN FIRE WAS DIRECTED ON ENEMY POSITIONS IN CASSINO. FLOODS ALONG THE RAPIDO RIVER ARE SUBSIDING.

IN THE ANZIO BRIDGEHEAD AREA, ENEMY SHELLING IS LIGHTER AND IT IS QUIETER ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT.

ON THE 8TH ARMY FRONT, BAD WEATHER HINDERED PATROLS; TWO ENEMY ATTACKS NORTHEAST OF ORSOGNA WERE DISPERSED.

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STERN EUROPEAN FRONT:

MARCH: RUSSIAN FORCES CONTINUED TO ADVANCE IN THE WESTERN UKRAINE, TAKING MORE THAN 200 PLACES INCLUDING RYDOMYL NORTH OF TARNOPOL, SARAYA SINYAYA AND PODVOLOCHISK.

THERE ARE INDICATIONS TWIN-ENCIRCLING DRIVES AGAINST TARNOPOL AND PROSKUROV ARE CONTEMPLATED BEFORE FURTHER PENETRATIONS ARE MADE IN THE DNIESTER VALLEY.

SOME GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED IN THE SECTOR NORTH AND NORTHEAST OF STARA-KONSTANTINOV, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN WITHOUT SUCCESS.

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC THEATER:

MARCH: IN NEW BRITAIN, U.S. MARINES MADE A SURPRISE LANDING NORTHWEST OF TALASEA, 110 MILES UP THE COAST FROM CAPE GLOUCESTER AGAINST LIGHT OPPOSITION. IN THE RABAU AREA, OUR BOMBERS ATTACKED THE TOWN-IP AND TOBERA AIRFIELD.

IN THE ADMIRALTY ISLANDS, U.S. GROUND FORCES CONTINUED THEIR ADVANCE NORTHWARD SECURING THE BEACH ON THE WEST COAST AT SEEDLER HARBOR. WEST OF MOMOTE AIRFIELD, THEY HAVE OCCUPIED PORLAKAV. THE ISLAND OF IS NEGROS IS NOW UNDER OUR CONTROL AND MOMOTE AIRFIELD IS SERVICEABLE.

IN NEW GUINEA ALONG THE RAI COAST, OUR FORCES ARE EXPANDING THEIR POSITIONS AND HAVE REACHED BISI AND GANGLAU.

IN NEW IRELAND, OUR AIR PATROLS ATTACKED BORPOP AIRFIELD.

IN THE SOLOMONS, OUR NAVAL UNITS AND AIR PATROLS ATTACKED SHORE TARGETS AT MOILA POINT.

IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC FURTHER ATTACKS WERE MADE 5 MARCH BY 7TH USAF PLANES ON PONAPE AND KUSAIE.

INDIA-BURMA AND FAR EAST:

SOUTHEAST ASIA AIR COMMAND AIRCRAFT 5 AND 6 MARCH ATTACKED ENEMY TROOPS IN THE MYITKYINA/KAMAING AREA, BRIDGE AT LOILAW, RIVERCRAFT IN THE SALADAN/MAYU AREA, M.T. VEHICLES IN THE UPPER CHINDWIN, ENEMY POSITIONS IN THE BUTHIDAUNG/KYAUKTAW AREA, AIRFIELDS IN THE RANGOON AREA AND AT YONCHO, TARGETS IN THE FALAM REGION. IN THE CHINA ZONE U.S. B-25'S ATTACKED KIUNGSHAN AIRFIELD AND SHIPPINTON ON THE QANGTZE RIVER.

ENEMY ATTACKS ON SHIPPING:

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

BERLIN
 8 MARCH 1944

A. E/A OPPOSITION

1. THE LEAD COMBAT WING (45TH CW) SUSTAINED THE HEAVIEST LOSSES. ALL GROUPS AND SQUADRONS WERE ATTACKED SEVERELY WITH THE LOW GROUP REPORTING THAT ITS LEAD AND LOW SQUADRONS BORE THE BRUNT OF THESE ATTACKS. ATTACKS WERE VIRTUALLY CONTINUOUS FROM THE VICINITY OF NIENBURG TO THE TARGET AREA BETWEEN 1238-1420 HOURS WITH THE HIGH GROUP IN PARTICULAR REPORTING A SAVAGE RUNNING BATTLE BETWEEN NIENBURG AND THE AREA NORTH OF MAGDEBURG. ESTIMATES OF E/A ENCOUNTERED WERE AS HIGH AS 150 WITH FW 190S AND ME 109S PREDOMINATING AND A SMALL NUMBER OF T/E TYPES SUCH AS ME 110S, 210S, 410S AND JU 88S. THE LEAD GROUP REPORTED SEVERAL E/A FLYING HIGH ABOVE THE FORMATIONS AS DECOYS WHILE MASSES OF AS HIGH AS 20 E/A MADE RUSHES FROM THE NOSE AND HIGH CONTINUING THROUGH THE FORMATIONS TO DROP ON THE LOW GROUP. ATTACKS BY SINGLE E/A WERE FEW IN NUMBER. THE MOST PREVALENT TYPE OF ATTACK WAS THE SWOOPER ATTACK FROM HEAD-ON AND HIGH. AT ONE TIME E/A WERE NOTED ATTACKING SIMULTANEOUSLY FROM AT LEAST 3 CLOCK POSITIONS (10-2 O'CLOCK), CAUSING CONFUSION AMONG GUNNERS. SNEAK ATTACKS (HEAD-ON AND TAIL), AND SCISSORS AND TRIPLE THREAT TACTICS ALSO WERE USED.

THE SECOND COMBAT WING (13TH CW) LIKewise REPORTS PICKING UP E/A OPPOSITION IN CONSIDERABLE FORCE AT ABOUT 1239 HOURS IN THE NIENBURG AREA AT A TIME WHEN THE NUMBER OF FRIENDLY FIGHTERS ABOUT HAD BEEN NOTICED TO FALL OFF APPRECIABLY. THE HIGH GROUP REPORTS THAT WHILE ALL SQUADRONS WERE ATTACKED THE LEAD SQUADRON WAS HEAVIEST HIT. ABOUT 30 E/A WERE ABOUT AT ALL TIMES FROM NIENBURG ON TO THE IP AND ABOUT 25 T/E E/A WERE PICKED UP IN THE TARGET AREA ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF S/E E/A INCLUDING ONE WITH A FIXED LANDING GEAR WHICH WAS NOT THOUGHT TO BE A JU 87. THE LOW GROUP RECEIVED PARTICULARLY HEAVY ATTACKS FROM ABOUT 50 S/E E/A 5 MILES NORTH OF STEINHÜDER LAKE, E/A ATTACKING ALL SQUADRONS 4-5 ABREAST AS WELL AS SINGLY. ONE LONG-NOSED FW 190 HAD ATTACKED THE HIGH SQUADRON PREVIOUSLY IN THE BRANDENBURG AREA. CONCENTRATED ATTACKS ALSO WERE MADE ON THE LOW GROUP FROM MAGDEBURG TO THE IP MOST ATTACKS BEING PRESSED TO WITHIN 200 YARDS AND SOME E/A PASSING HEAD-ON THROUGH THE FORMATION. FIVE JU 87S WERE REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD. E/A AGAIN FAVORED MASS ATTACKS, MANY ATTACKS BEING BY ELEMENTS OF 3-12 AND MOST ATTACKS WERE FROM THE NOSE AND HIGH. ATTACKS ON THE ROUTE OUT WERE FEW IN NUMBER AND INTENSITY, FIGHTER COVER HAVING IMPROVED APPRECIABLY BY THIS TIME. AS HIGH AS 50 E/A, MOSTLY S/E BUT INCLUDING A FEW JU 88S AND DO 217S, WERE ENCOUNTERED IN THIS PHASE NORTH OF HANNOVER. ROCKET FIRE WAS EXPERIENCED ONLY OCCASIONALLY. TAIL-PECKER TACTICS WERE OBSERVED.

THE LAST COMBAT WING (4TH CW) EXPERIENCED RELATIVELY LITTLE E/A OPPOSITION. THE LOW AND HIGH GROUPS ENCOUNTERED GENERALLY FEEBLE ATTACKS, THE LATTER GROUP REPORTING 3 FW 190S BEING OBSERVED TO COME IN AT 12 O'CLOCK LOW FIRING A BARRAGE OF 20MM CANNON INTO THE FORMATION AND PEELING DOWN.

2. SOME FW 190S WERE SEEN WITH YELLOW NOSES AND ME 109S WERE PAINTED SILVER AND GREY AND SOME OF THESE HAD YELLOW NOSES. A NUMBER OF FW 190S WERE BLACK AND SOME HAD BLACK AND WHITE CHECKERBOARD MARKINGS. ONE JU 88 WAS REPORTED TO BE SILVER AND OTHERS TO BE LIGHT BLUE IN COLOR. SILVER AND RED FW 190S WERE OBSERVED.

B. OBSERVATIONS BY CREWS

1. CLEARING ABOUT 1/2 MILE WIDE AND 5 MILES LONG IN WOODS RESEMBLING RUNWAY REPORTED AT 5220-1130E TO 5230-1140E. ROCKETS WERE OBSERVED FIRED FROM THIS AREA. STRIP RUNS NNW-SSE THROUGH WOODS WITH BUILDINGS AT LOWER END.

2. 29 T/E E/A OBSERVED PARKED ON A/D AT 5227-0758E WHICH PROBABLY IS ACHMER A/D.

3. 40 E/A REPORTED SEEN ON GIEFHORN A/D (5226-1032E).

4. 50 E/A REPORTED PARKED ON A/D AT STENDAL.

5. LARGE FACTORY OR PLANT OF SOME KIND WITH 5 SMOKE STACKS REPORTED OBSERVED AT BURG.

6. IN VICINITY OF DUMMER LAKE ROCKETS WERE REPORTED SHOT FROM THE GROUND WHICH LEFT A TRAIL OF SMOKE. THEY WERE OBSERVED TO BURST IN THE AIR WITH BLACK PUFFS AND THEN RED FLARES SHOT OUT.

7. ABOUT 30 S/E AND 6 T/E E/A REPORTED OBSERVED ON A/D AT CELLE.

8. ABOUT 30 S/E E/A REPORTED SEEN PARKED ON A/D AT 5234-1031E WHICH PROBABLY IS WESENDORF A/D.

9. AT 5236-0603E A LARGE INDUSTRIAL AREA WAS NOTED AT TIP OF WOODS INCLUDING 20 LARGE BUILDINGS AND MANY SMALLER ONES WITH MUCH ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

10. SMOKE SCREENS REPORTED AT OSNABRUCK, HANNOVER AND TANGERMUNDE.

11. 40 S/E E/A REPORTED ON GROUND AT QUACKENBRUCK A/D.

12. NEW CANAL CONSTRUCTION REPORTED AT HEPPEN AND LINGEN.

13. FOUR BUILDINGS THOUGHT TO BE ASSEMBLY SHOPS OBSERVED IN WOODS AT 5228-1048E PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY SMOKE SCREEN.

14. UNUSUAL AND ELABORATE SMOKE SCREEN PATTERN REPORTED AT VORSFELDE ALONG WESER-ELBE CANAL.

15. NEW BUILDINGS THOUGHT TO BE SHIP BUILDING YARDS REPORTED AT WEIBURG, HOLLAND.

16. NEW FACTORY REPORTED AT 5242-0718E.

17. WOODS NORTH OF NEUHALDSLEBEN APPEARED CLEARED FOR A/D RUNWAYS AND WHAT LOOKED LIKE 3 HANGERS ALSO WERE SEEN.

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EIGHTH AIR FORCE NARRATIVE OF OPERATIONS

252ND OPERATION 8 MARCH 1944

1ST BOMBARDMENT DIVISION - BERLIN (ERKNER)

2ND BOMBARDMENT DIVISION - BERLIN (ERKNER)

3RD BOMBARDMENT DIVISION - BERLIN (ERKNER)

TEN COMBAT WINGS OF HEAVY BOMBERS OF EIGHTH AIR FORCE, ESCORTED BY SEVENTEEN GROUPS OF USAAF FIGHTERS, MADE A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON THE LUFTWAFFE, BOTH IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND, PENETRATING TO THE BERLIN AREA TO HIT THE VKF BALLBEARING PLANT, AND DRIVING OFF ENEMY FIGHTER FORMATIONS ATTEMPTING TO DEFEND THIS VITAL TARGET. THE VKF PLANT, AT ERKNER, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE HALF OF THE MINIMUM ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE, AND PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE THAT IT WAS SEVERLY DAMAGED BY OVER 900 TONS DROPPED BY 470 ATTACKING BOMBERS.

ALTHOUGH MOST BOMBER FORMATIONS REPORTED WEAK FIGHTER OPPOSITION, THE LEADING COMBAT WING REPORTED SEVERE ATTACKS IN THE AREA BETWEEN HANOVER AND BERLIN ON THE ROUTE TO THE TARGET, AND OUR FIGHTERS HAD THEIR HEAVIEST ENGAGEMENTS AT THIS STAGE OF THE OPERATION. HOWEVER, THE ENEMY DEFENSIVE EFFORT WAS LARGELY CHECKED BY THE ESCORTING P-47'S, P-38'S AND P-51'S, WHICH CLAIM 86 E/A DESTROYED FOR A LOSS OF 17 FIGHTERS. 29 B-17'S AND NINE B-24'S ARE MISSING AND BOMBER CREWS CLAIM 42-14-9, MAKING A TOTAL SCORE FOR THIS OPERATION OF 128-26-41.

BOMBER OPERATIONS

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	(AB DISP.	ATTACKED	LOST)	G.P.	G.P.		PRIMARY	O.T.S.	I.B.	CLAIMS
1ST BOMB DIV.										
1ST C.W.	62	62	58	1	2	32.5	78.5	0	2	0-0-0
40TH C.W.	62	56	52	1	0	23	76	1.5	0	0-0-0
41ST C.W.	67	59	57	1	1	32.5	22	.5	2	1-0-0
94TH C.W.	62	54	51	0	2	31.5	67.5	0	0	5-2-1
PFF	4	4	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0-0-0
	257	235	222	3	5	123.5	244.0	2	4	6-2-1
2ND BOMB DIV.										
2ND C.W.	74	61	21	30	3	16.5	37.5	24	54	3-0-1
14TH C.W.	75	74	63	2	1	51	114	1	2.5	0-1-0
20TH C.W.	73	70	63	0	5	50	113.5	0	0	0-0-0
PFF	4	4	3	1	0	3	1	.5	0	0-0-0
	226	209	150	33	9	120.5	226.0	25.5	56.5	3-1-1
3RD BOMB DIV.										
4TH C.W.	63	60	53	2	2	30	60	1	3	1-0-0
13TH C.W.	64	66	44	1	5	16.5	79	1	2	17-4-3
45TH C.W.	70	58	0	30	17	0	0	16.5	47.5	14-4-4
PFF	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	XBXBX 0-3-0
OPERATIONAL	219	176	98	33	24	47.5	139	18.5	52.5	33-11-7
TOTALS	702	620	470	69	38	291.5	649	46	113	42-14-9

BOMBING RESULTS: 411 B-17'S INCLUDING FIVE PFF DROPPED 7224X 100 IB, 3333 X 100 GP, 92 X 500 IB AND 20 X 500 GP, A TOTAL OF 554 TONS, AND 150 B-24'S, INCLUDING THREE PFF, DROPPED 5313 X 100 IB, 2391 X 100 GP AND 4 X 500 GP, A TOTAL OF 386 TONS, ON THE VKF PLANT AT ERKNER BETWEEN 1429 AND 1502 HOURS FROM 21,000-27,000 FEET. THE ATTACK WAS MADE VISUALLY IN CLEAR WEATHER BUT HEAVY CLOUDS OF SMOKE RISING FROM THE TARGET SOON AFTER THE FIRST PLANES ATTACKED MAKE ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE DIFFICULT. IT IS KNOWN, HOWEVER, THAT THE FIRST COMBAT WING ATTACKING HAD INCENDIARY STRIKES ON ALL MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE PLANT, AND FORMATIONS OF ALL THREE DIVISIONS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE LAID GOOD PATTERNS ACROSS THE TARGET AREA. A RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT OVER THE TARGET TWO HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK REPORTS SMOKE STILL OBSCURING THE PLANT ALMOST COMPLETELY. IN ADDITION TO THE PLANT ITSELF, THE NEARBY TOWN AND MARSHALLING YARDS, AND A LARGE GAS-HOLDER WERE REPORTED HIT.

29 B-24'S, ARRIVING OVER THE PRIMARY TARGET WHEN IT WAS COMPLETELY OBSCURED BY SMOKE, WENT ON TO BOMB THE CENTER OF BERLIN, ON WHICH THEY DROPPED 993 X 100 IB AND 439 X 100 GP, WITH GOOD RESULTS, 29 B-17'S DROPPED 719 X 100 IB, 310 X 100 GP AND 40 X 500 IB ON A LARGE LOCOMOTIVE FACTORY AT WILDAU. STRIKE PHOTOS SHOW THAT ONE THIRD OF THIS PLANT WAS COVERED BY BURST. IN ADDITION SEVEN B-17'S AND FOUR B-24'S DROPPED 276 X 100 IB, 12 X 500 IB AND 194XXXXXX 149 X 100 GP ON SCATTERED OPPORTUNITY TARGETS WITH UNOBSERVED RESULTS.

ENCOUNTERS: WHILE THE 1ST AND 2ND DIVISIONS REPORTED ONLY 50A UT E/A ENCOUNTERED IN THE AREA BETWEEN BRUNSWICK AND THE TARGET, AND A VERY FEW ENGAGEMENTS, THE 3RD DIVISION REPORTED A TOTAL OF 100 - 150, MOSTLY SINGLE-ENGINE TYPES. ON THE ROUTE TO BERLIN, E/A WERE FIRST ENCOUNTERED BY THIS DIVISION NEAR NIENBERG, AND REMAINED WITH THE FORMATIONS TO THE TARGET AREA. ATTACKS WERE DIRECTED CHIEFLY AGAINST THE LEAD COMBAT WING, THE 45TH, WHICH LOST 17 A/C. ON THE ROUTE BACK, THE SECOND COMBAT WING WAS ATTACKED AT ABOUT 1525 HOURS IN THE AREA NORTH OF HANOVER. THESE SCATTERED ATTACKS LASTED ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES UNTIL BROKEN OFF BETWEEN DUMMER LAKE AND LINGEN. NO UNUSUAL TACTICS WERE REPORTED.

REASONS FOR FAILURE TO BOMB: 55 B-17'S AND 27 B-24'S FAILED TO BOMB - 27 B-17'S AND 22 B-24'S DUE TO MECHANICAL OR EQUIPMENT FAILURE, 25 B-17'S AND 2 B-24'S AS A RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION 3 B-17'S AND 3 B-24'S DUE TO OTHER REASONS.

CASUALTIES: PERSONNEL - 3 CREW MEMBERS WERE KILLED, 9 WERE WOUNDED AND 392 ARE MISSING.
EQUIPMENT - 29 B-17'S AND 9 B-24'S WERE LOST:
2 B-24'S WERE LOST TO AA FIRE - 21 B-17'S WERE LOST TO E/A - 1 B-24 WAS LOST TO AA AND E/A - 2 B-24'S WERE LOST DUE TO ACCIDENT 8 B-17'S AND 4 B-24'S WERE LOST TO REASONS UNKNOWN.
ESTIMATED BATTLE DAMAGE - 127 B-17'S AND 89 B-24'S CATEGORY "A" OR AC" - 11 B-17'S AND 1 B-24 CATEGORY "B" AND 1 B-24 CATEGORY "E".

ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE: INTENSE ACCURATE GUNFIRE OF BARRAGE TYPE WAS ENCOUNTERED AT BERLIN AND ERKNER. MODERATE TO INTENSE AND FAIRLY ACCURATE FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED AT HESEPE, ACHMER, RHEIN, HANOVER AND DUMMER LAKE. MEAGER TO MODERATE AND INACCURATE AA WAS ENCOUNTERED AT LINGEN, QUACKENBRUCK, DIEPHOLZ AND WUNSDORF, GROUND ROCKETS WERE REPORTED IN THE TARGET AREA AND RED PARACHUTES FLARES OVER MAGDEBURG.

WEATHER: SCATTERED CLOUDS WERE ENCOUNTERED ALONG ENTIRE ROUTE BUT ----- VIRTUAL CAVU WEATHER CONDITIONS AT THE TARGET PERMITTED VISUAL BOMBING BY ALL DIVISIONS, VISIBILITY WAS 5 - 20 MILES OVER LIN. THERE WERE NO CONTRAILS AT BOMBING ALTITUDES.

OBSERVATIONS: SMOKE SCREENS WERE SEEN OVER BRUNSWICK, STEINHÜDER ----- LAKE, MAGDEBURG, BRANDENBURG, HANOVER, AND OSNABRUCK. THE FOLLOWING ~~WIKKA~~ OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE OF AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND:

NUMBER OF E/A	TYPE OF E/A	LOCATION OF A/C
27	S/E AND T/E	GIFHORN
22	T/E	SCHEVEN
25	S/E	NE OF FURSTENAU
25	S/E	NEAR DUMMER LAKE
35	S/E AND T/E	S OF CELLE
25	ME 109'S AND ME 110'S	WESSENDORF
15	UNIDENTIFIED	FALCHU
30	"	NEUSTADT
30	"	AHNSEN
35	"	VOLKENRODE
25	SOME GLIDERS	5 MILES SE OF JERICHOW
30	UNIDENTIFIED	VECHTA
MANY	"	SCHONFELD
14	FW 190'S AND ME 110'S	SCHERNICKAU
10	FW 190'S AND JU 52'S	WEITZEBRUCH
50	ME 100'S AND S/E	WAGENHOFF
27	S/E	BURG
20	S/E	KOBBELITZ

FIGHTER OPERATIONS

GROUP	TYPE OF A/C	TYPE OF SUPPORT	NO A/C ON MISSION	LOST	CLAIMS
361	P-47	AREA	38	0	0-0-0
358X	P-47	PENETRATION	47	0	0-0-0
362X	P-47	PENETRATION	52	0	0-0-0
359	P-47	PENETRATION	49	0	0-1-0
353	P-47	PENETRATION	42	0	5-0-3
56B	P-47	PENETRATION	34	2	14-3-7
56A	P-47	PENETRATION	32	3	6-0-3
20	P-38	PENETRATION	24	0	0-0-0
363X	P-51	PENETRATION	36	1	5-0-0
4	P-51	TARGET	23	1	16-4-5
352)	(P-47	WITHDRAWAL	40	0	2-0-0
)	(P-51	WITHDRAWAL	5	0	
78A	P-47	WITHDRAWAL	35	0	0-1-0
78B	P-47	WITHDRAWAL	34	0	0-0-0
356	P-47	WITHDRAWAL	46	1	3-0-2
359"	P-47	WITHDRAWAL	41	0	0-0-0
64	P-38	WITHDRAWAL	40	2	8-2-5
355)	(P-51	WITHDRAWAL	31	1	7-1-2
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354X	P-51	PENETRATION, TARGET,	41	0	1-0-1
		WITHDRAWAL			
357	P-51	PENETRATION, TARGET., KIX		1	7-0-3
		WITHDRAWAL	38		
55	P-38	WITHDRAWAL	40	1	0-0-0
358X"	P-47	WITHDRAWAL	42	1	0-0-0
361"	P-47	WITHDRAWAL	37	0	2-0-1
362X"	P-47	WITHDRAWAL	28	1	0-0-0
			894	17	86-12-32

"DOUBLE SORTIES
X NINTH AIR FORCE

17 GROUPS OF USAF FIGHTERS, 13 OF THE EIGHTH AIR FORCE AND 4 OF THE NINTH AIR FORCE AIDED BY TWO SQUADRONS OF RAF MUSTANGS PROVIDED CONTINUOUS ESCORT FOR THE BOMBERS ON THIS OPERATION. FOUR GROUPS FLEW DOUBLE MISSIONS AND THREE GROUPS OF P-51'S AGAIN PROVIDED EXCELLENT LONG RANGE SUPPORT IN THE TARGET AREA, SUSTAINING THE LOSS OF ONLY 2 /C. ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION WAS DECIDEDLY SMALLER THAN THAT OF THE LAST BERLIN ATTACK WITH VERY FEW T/E AND NO NIGHT FIGHTERS SEEN. HOWEVER, POWERFUL AND VERY AGGRESSIVE CONCENTRATIONS WERE MET BY ONE GROUP IN THE HANOVER AREA AND BY ANOTHER GROUP OVER BERLIN. IN BOTH INSTANCES THE ENEMY FORCES, ALTHOUGH OUTNUMBERING OUR GROUPS LOCALLY, WERE OUT-FOUGHT AND SUSTAINED HEAVY LOSSES. 10 P-47'S, 4 P-51'S AND 3 P-38'S FAILED TO RETURN WHILE FIGHTER PILOTS CLAIM 86-12-32. THERE WERE NO CLAIMS OR LOSSES FOR THE RAF MUSTANGS.

ESCORT FOR 3RD BOMBARDMENT DIVISION- (1ST AIR TASK FORCE)
 PENETRATION: FIRST PENETRATION ESCORT WAS PROVIDED BY 361ST GROUP WHO RENDEZVOUSED NEAR LJMUIDEN AT 1145 HOURS TAKING THE BOMBERS WITHOUT INCIDENT NORTHWEST OF LINGEN. THE 358TH GROUP BEGAN ESCORT AT 1210 HOURS AT BERGEN AND CONTINUED TO DUMMER LAKE UNTIL 1239 HOURS WITHOUT SIGHTING ANY E/A. THE 56A GROUP TOOK OVER AT 1242 HOURS IN THE VICINITY OF DUMER LAKE CONTINUING ESCORT EAST OF CELLE UNTIL 1330 HOURS. BETWEEN DUMMER AND STEINHUDE LAKES, GAGGLES TOTALLING 100 PLUS XX E/A WHICH APPROACHED FROM THE SOUTHEAST WERE ENGAGED. ENEMY ATTACKS WERE AGGRESSIVE ON FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS ALIKE AND ABOUT 12 BOMBERS WERE LOST IN THIS AREA. GROUP SCORED 16-0-3 IN COMBATS FROM 18,000 FEET TO DECK FOR LOSS OF 3. THE 363RD GROUP MADE RENDEZVOUS WEST OF CELLE AND TOOK THE BOMBERS TO THE START OF THE BOMB RUN, DESTROYING 5 E/A FOR THE LOSS OF ONE. THE 210TH GROUP MADE RENDEZVOUS WEST OF CELLE AND TOOK THE BOMBERS TO THE START OF THE BOMB RUN, DESTROYING 5 E/A FOR THE LOSS OF ONE. THE 210TH GROUP MADE RENDEZVOUS NORTHEAST OF HANOVER AT 1323 HOURS AND LEFT THE BOMBERS NORTHEAST OF WITTENBURG WITHOUT COMBAT.

TARGET:-----THE 4TH GROUP MADE RENDEZVOUS NORTHEAST OF GARDELEGEN AT 1330 HOURS. ATTACKS BY 65 PLUS E/A, MOSTLY SINGLE-ENGINE A/C FROM GENTHIN TO SOUTH OF BERLIN WERE ENGAGED WITH RESULTING CLAIMS OF 16-4-5 FOR THE LOSS ONE. ESCORT WAS BROKEN AT 1430 HOURS NEAR TELTOW.

WITHDRAWAL:-----THE 352ND GROUP MADE RENDEZVOUS IN THE VICINITY OF WIETZEN AT 1527 HOURS REPORTING OTHER P-47'S AND P-38'S PRESENT. COMBATS SOUTH OF DUMER LAKE AND NEAR MEPPEN RESULTED IN CLAIM OF 2-0-0 FOR NO LOSS. ESCORT WAS BROKEN AT ZUIDER ZEE AT 1600 HOURS. THE 356TH GROUP MET BOMBERS AT 1538 HOURS IN THE VICINITY OF QUACKENBRUK AND BROKE ESCORT AT 1635 HOURS OVER EGMOND, DRIVING OFF A FEW E/A ATTACKING BOMBERS NORTHEAST OF LINGEN.

ESCORT TO 2D DIVISION--(2ND AIR TASK FORCE)
 PENETRATION:-----THE 362ND GROUP JOINED THE BOMBERS AT THE DTUCH COAST ESCORTING THEM TO LINGEN WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE 359TH GROUP RENDEZVOUSED EARLY AT 1207 HOURS OVER EGMOND AND CARRIED THE BOMBERS TO STEINHUDE LAKE, SIGHTING 25 FW 190'S IN THE DISTANCE. A COMBAT NORTH OF MINDEN RESULTED IN AN E/A PROBABLY DESTROYED. 56B GROUP, PICKING UP THE BOMBERS AT 1242, REPORTED COMBATS WITH OVER 100 E/A, WITH PILOTS AGGRESSIVE AND PERSISTENT. THE GROUP MADE CLAIMS OF 14-3-7.

TARGET:-----THE 354TH GROUP MADE RENDEZVOUS SOUTH OF STENDAL AT 1342 TAKING THE BOMBERS THROUGH THE TARGET AND BACK TO STENDAL BREAKING ESCORT AT 1445. ONLY A FEW E/A WERE SEEN IN THE TARGET AREA AND CLAIMS OF 1-0-1 WERE MADE.

WITHDRAWAL:-----THE 364TH GROUP JOINED THE BOMBERS AT 1449 HOURS 30 MILES SOUTH OF BRUNSWICK, AND ESCORTED THEM TO THE VICINITY OF DUMMER LAKE. BETWEEN MGADEBURG AND GARDLEGEN THE 364TH HAD SEVERAL COMBATS WITH SMALL ENEMY FORMATIONS MAKING CLAIMS OF 8-2-5 FOR THE LOSS OF TWO. THE 355TH GROUP MADE RENDEZVOUS WITH THE REAR BOXES AND STRAGGLERS AT STEINHÜDER LAKE AT 1532 HOURS ESCORTING THEM OUT TO EGMOND AT 1620 HOURS. TWO E/A SEEN IN THE AIR WERE DESTROYED AS WERE FIVE OTHERS SEEN ON THE GROUND NEAR HESEPE. 78B GROUP JOINED THE BOMBERS AT 1548 HOURS AT EAST DUMER LAKE AND TOOK THEM TO THE VICINITY OF EGMOND AT 1619 HOURS.

ESCORT TO 1ST DIVISION-(3RD AIR TASK FORCE)

PENETRATION:-----THE 353RD GROUP MADE RENDEZVOUS AT 1213 HOURS AND ESCORTED BOMBERS TO 20 MILES NORTH OF BRUNSWICK AT 1330 HOURS. AS A RESULT OF COMBATS AT DUMMER LAKE THIS GROUP MAKES CLAIMS OF 5-0-3 FOR LOSS OF ONE.

ESCORT:-----THE 357TH GROUP JOINED THE BOMBERS NORTH OF BRUNSWICK AT 1315 HOURS, ESCORTED THEM THROUGH THE TARGET AND LEFT THEM AT 1450 HOURS. COMBATS IN THE TARGET AREA FROM 25,000 FEET TO THE DECK RESULTED IN CLAIMS OF 7-0-3 FOR THE LOSS OF ONE. ON THE E, THIS GROUP PICKED UP OTHER BOMBERS AND ESCORTED THEM TO THE EE. 55TH GROUP MET THE BOMBERS IN THE VICINITY OF BRANDENBURG AT 1441 HOURS AND ESCORTED THEM TO LINGEN AT 1535 HOURS. HAD SEVERAL BRUSHES WITH SMALL ENEMY FORMATIONS BUT MAKES NO CLAIMS.

WITHDRAWAL:-----78A GROUP RENDEZVOUSED AT STEINHÜDER LAKE AT 1534 HOURS AND ESCORTED BOMBERS TO LINGEN. HIS GROUP HAD COMBAT WITH ONE FW 190 NEAR DUMMER LAKE RESULTING IN CLAIMS OF 0-1-0. FURTHER WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT WAS GIVEN BY 361, 358, 362 AND 359 GROUPS MAKING THEIR SECOND MISSIONS OF THE DAY. 361ST GROUP SCORED 2MR 2-0-1 WITHOUT LOSS.

TWO SQUADRONS OF RAF MUSTANGS, TOTALLING 28 AIRCRAFT, WITHDRAWAL ESCORT FROM NORTH OF BRUNSWICK. THEY HAD MANY COMBATS BUT NO CLAIMS ARE MADE. ALL AIRCRAFT RETURNED SAFELY.

NOTE:

-----THE FOREGOING IS BASED ON PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR RECORD PURPOSES.

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8-MAR-44.

MISSION FOLDER CHECK LIST

1. Warning order, field order, annexes

Target maps & illustrations:

- Briefing information: a) Main Briefing
 b) Gunners' briefing.
 c) Camera installations
 d) Authorized lists of admission.

2. Formation chart;

Interrogation Forms;

- Combat forms & a) Letter of transmittal
 b) 3rd B.D. evaluated encounters letter,
 c) Evaluated Encounters ltr, 3rd B.D. to Station S-1

3. A/C Returning early:

Hot News (A/C in distress, and shipping)

Statistical Telephone

Narrative telephone or teletype

Intelligence Report

Aircraft landing Away

PRO Reports

- Miscellaneous reports a) Medical
 b) Equipment malfunctions
 c) Crew suggestions to C.O.
 d) Battle damage
 e) Sortie information
 f) Flak

Missing A/C and Missing Crew reports

4. 3rd B.D. Flash report, & Narrative teletype
 Strike photos, raid assessments, ECNO, etc.
 Statistical Work sheet;
 Mission folder check list.

(Material placed in the folder in this order; material mentioned
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SECRET 3 B.D. R-80-E

ANNEX NO. 4 TO 3 B. D. FIELD ORDER NO. 174

UNDER PARA 1. A. ADD FIGHTER CALLSIGNS

1 GP. P-47'S FROM 5237-0500

1 GP. P-47'S FROM 5237-0650

1 GP. P-47'S FROM 5235-0820

1 GP. P-38'S FROM 5237-1020

1 GP. P-51'S FROM 5225-1150

ZEE

WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT:

1 GP. P-38'S FROM 5215-1225

1 GP. P-47'S FROM 5235-0830

1 GP. P-47'S FROM 5236-0720

POINT 2. DENVER ONE ONE

DENVER ONE TWO

POINT 3. DENVER ONE THREE

DENVER ONE FOUR

POINT 4. DENVER ONE FIVE

DENVER ONE SIX

DENVER ONE SEVEN

DENVER ONE EIGHT

4 GPS. P-47'S WILL SWEEP FROM 5236-0720 TO COAST
TO AID STRAGGLERS.

DENVER THREE NINE

DENVER THREE TEN

DENVER THREE ELEVEN

DENVER THREE TWELVE

NOTE: CONTROL PT. NO. 4 IS AT 5225-1150E NOT
5215-1225E AS SENT IN ANNEX NO. 3 REPEAT 5225-1150E
NOT 5215-1225E AS SENT

2. A. 1ST AND 2ND DIVISION TIMINGS:

1ST BOMB DIVISION.

ORFORDNESS

ZERO PLUS 2 MINS.

5237-0437

ZERO PLUS 52 MINS.

5235-0820

ZERO PLUS 108 MINS. (START CLIMB) FR 1 GP. P-47'S.

5238-1110

ZERO PLUS 151 MINS. (26,000 FT)

5225-1150

ZERO PLUS 162 MINS. FR 1 GP. P-51'S.

5215-1225

ZERO PLUS 171 MINS.

5154-1330

ZERO PLUS 188 MINS.

5213-1413

ZERO PLUS 201 MINS.

5228-1402

ZERO PLUS 206 MINS.

TARGET

ZERO PLUS 212 MINS. (26,000 FT).

5218-1303

ZERO PLUS 217 MINS. (23,000 FT).

5215-1225

ZERO PLUS 223 MINS. (20,500 FT).

5238-1410

ZERO PLUS 238 MINS. (15,000 FT).

5235-0830

ZERO PLUS 267 MINS. FR 1 GP. P-47'S AND P-51'S MIX

5235-0820

ZERO PLUS 269 MINS.

5237-0437

ZERO PLUS 309 MINS.

LOWESTOFT

ZERO PLUS 343 MINS. (3,000 FT).

2ND BOMB DIVISION.

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ZERO PLUS 15 MINS.

5237-0437

ZERO PLUS 61 MINS.

5237-0500

ZERO PLUS 66 MINS. FR 1 GP.; P-47'S.

5237-0650

ZERO PLUS 92 MINS. FR 1 GP. P-47'S.

5235-0820

ZERO GP. P-47'S.

5237-1020

ZERO PLUS 141 MINS. FR 1; 40. P-38'S.

5225-1150

ZERO PLUS 153 MINS.

5215-1225

ZERO PLUS 163 MINS. FR 1 GP. P-51'S.

5154-1330

ZERO PLUS 172

5213-1413

ZERO PLUS 189 MINS.

5228-1402

ZERO PLUS 202 MINS.

TARGET

ZERO PLUS 207 MINS.

5218-1303

ZERO PLUS 213 MINS.

5215-1225

ZERO PLUS 218 MINS.

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ZERO PLUS 229 MINS. FR 1 GP. P-38'S.

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5237-1040

ZERO PLUS 24; .8. FR 2 SQDMS RAF P-51'S.

5235-0830

ZERO PLUS 266 MINS. FR 1 GP P-47'S.

5235-0820

ZERO PLUS 268 MINS.

5236-0720

ZERO PLUS 279 MINS. FR 1 GP. P-47'S.

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ANNEX NO. 3 TO 3 B.D. FIELD ORDER NO. 174

IN PARA. 1. A. ANNEX NO. 2 CHANGE 5TH FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS TO READ:
1 GP P-51'S FROM 5225-1150E ZERO HOUR PLUS 154 MINS
(CONTROL POINT NO. 4 IS 5215-1225E IN PENETRATION ZERO HOUR
PLUS 164 MINS)

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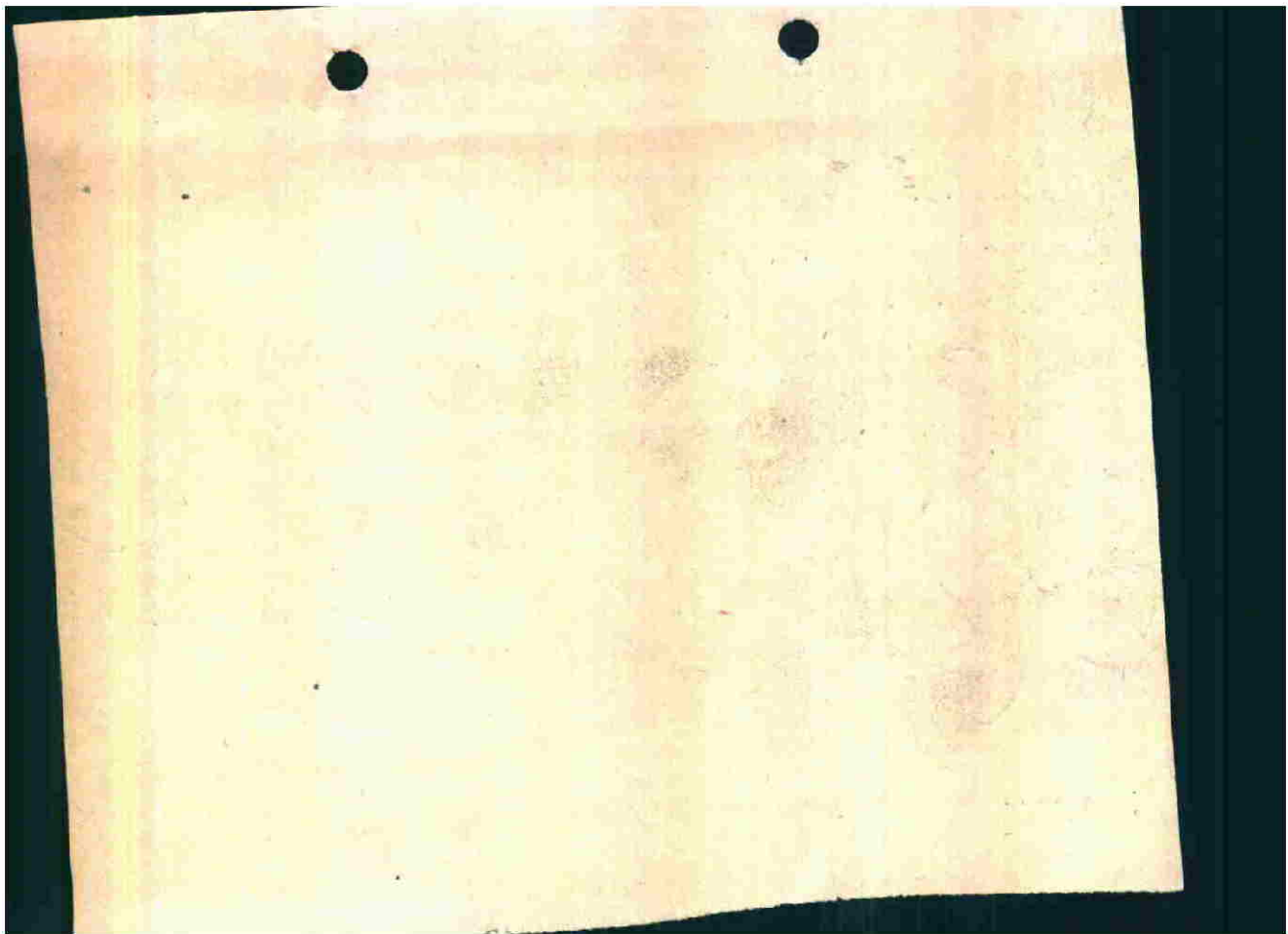
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2. A. THIS WING ATTACKS PURSUANT TO 3 B.D. F.O. 174.

B. ASSEMBLY

COCHESTER 5133-0054E ZERO HOUR MINUS 33 MINS.

100 GR FROM S AT 15000 FEET.
390 GR FROM SE AT 14000 FEET.
95A GR FROM SE AT 16000 FEET.

BUNCHER XXXX 12 ZERO HOUR MINUS 24 MINS

C. 13WG WILL ECHELON RIGHT ON 45WG AFTER LEAVING SPLASHER 5

3. A. 100 GR LEADS 14 A/C PLUS 1 PFF A/C

B. 390 GR LOW 21 A/C PLUS 6 A/C LOW SQDN 100 GR.

C. 95A GR HIGH 21 A/C

X. (1) FUEL LOAD XXX 2500 GALS

(2) BOMB LOAD.

100 & 390 GRS 30 M-47-A1'S, 10 X 100 GP 1/10, 1/40
95 GR 8-M-17, 14 X 100 GP 1/10, 1/40

(3) BOMBARDIERS WILL BE ESPECIALLY BRIEFED ON IMPORTANCE
200 FT. INTERVALMETER SETTING AND USING 100 GP TABLES.

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5. PYROTECHNICS

R/T CALLSIGNS

B. LEADERS

95A - RC
100 - GC
390 - YG

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FIREBALL GREEN

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IN 2. A. UNDER 2ND BOMB DIVISION.

THE 7TH LINE DOWN THE ONE UNDER

5837-1020 *

UNDER WHAT

UNDER THE LINE BEGINNING WITH 5837-1020 ZERO PLUS 141 MINS.

NONE BEGINS WITH 5837-1020

IT SHOULD BE

5237-1020 ZERO PLUS 141 MINS FR 1 GP. P-38'S

5238-1110 ZERO PLUS 153 MINS

5225-1150 ZERO PLUS 163 MINS. FR 1 GP. P-51'S

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5215-1225 ZERO PLUS 172 MINS

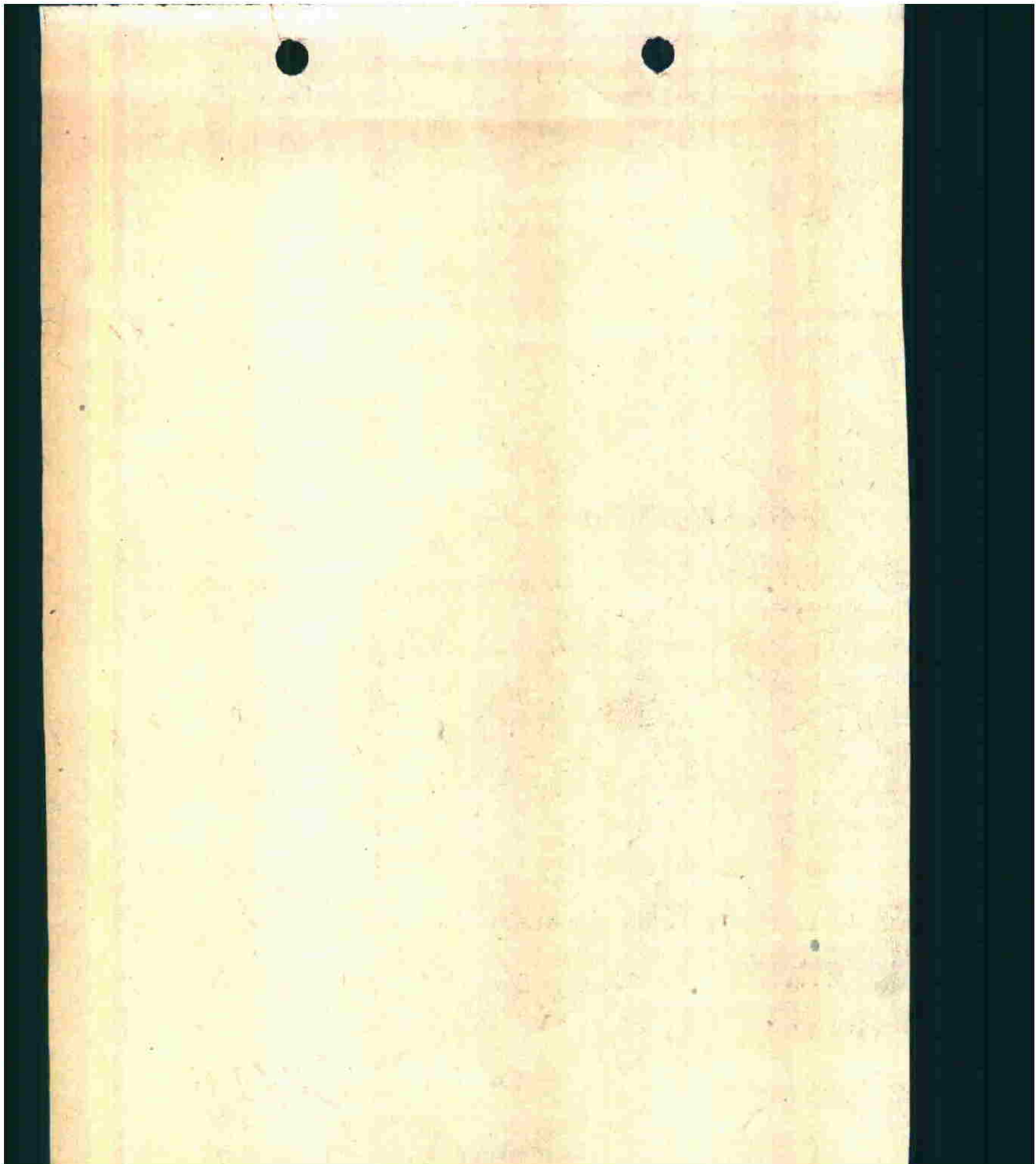
NOW THE 7TH LINE FROM THE BOTTOM

5238-1110 ZERO PLUS 238 MINS. (IS THAT THE ONE)

TIC YES TKS I THINK THAT IS ALL

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